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Evidence of Progress

By February 1, 1947 a total of 60 churches were using this plan. By this plan 5,400 copies every week of THE MENNONITE were reaching Mennonite homes, and 950 copies of THE BUNDESBOTE. These churches were located both in the States and in Canada. They included churches with small memberships—as small as 8—and as large as 343 (families)!

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1. The church must agree to provide at least one of the Conference papers for each family in the church roll. This includes families living away from the home community as long as they are regarded as in good standing with the church.
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3. The PLAN can be put into operation at any time, but the billing is done in January of each year.

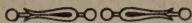
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Hitherto; Henceforth

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

God has brought us safely through 1946. He has cared for us and watched over us as a loving Father. He has guided us as we trusted ourselves to Him. He has befriended and loved us, even when we neglected Him. He has forgiven us our sins when we have sincerely sought His pardon. "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." Truly, hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

"Henceforth we should not live unto ourselves but unto Him."

This is a good motto for the coming year. How will we try to meet the obligations and opportunities? Not in our wisdom, nor in our own strength. He who has not failed us in the past will not fail us now. But we must not fail Him. Henceforth we must not live unto ourselves. On all sides we see the terrible disaster that comes when men think of themselves alone. Life is too sacred and important to risk living it selfishly. Henceforth let us live unto Him. We may commit our lives fully unto Him; we may commit the church and all its departments of work to His guidance and direction. Living fully unto Him ourselves, we may dedicate our work and our responsibilities unto Him. We need to walk closely with Him in this crucial year. We need to listen to His directions and seek in all things to do His will.

So in this Conference year let us bear in mind how marvelously God has been with us "hitherto"; and let us highly resolve that "henceforth" we will devote ourselves fully unto Him and His great work.

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is continuing its policy of employing a full time executive secretary. Early in the year 1946, the Rev. Ronald von Riesen was appointed to this position, and he has been busy carrying out the activities of the office. He serves as desk editor of the Mennonite Senior Adult Quarterly and the Mennonite Junior Quarterly, and has been active in promoting the CPS Educational Rehabilitation Fund and in raising funds for the exchange of foreign students. He has visited several district conferences and attended retreats. A large share of his time during the summer was spent arranging for the General Conference Ministers Retreat.

The Ministers Retreat, which was held in the latter part of the summer at Spirit Lake, Iowa, was well attended and was a blessing to many.

A total of 101 ministers and their wives attended the retreat; of these, 82 were present for the entire week. A retreat is again planned for this year to be held probably just before the session of the General Conference at Berne, Indiana.

The Curriculum Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Education, has been busy studying material so as to recommend the best available for all grades of Christian instruction. This committee consists of Paul R. Shelly, chairman, Henry N. Harder, and Christine Miller. Also working with the committee are Erland Waltner, who heads the Board's Department of the Sunday School, and Ronald von Riesen, Executive Secretary.

In the absence of Rev. A. E. Kreider, who is traveling for the Mennonite Central Committee and the Foreign Mission Board, the Board of Education has appointed Rev. Willard Claassen, of Freeman, S. D., to write the "Thoughts From the Text" for the Senior-Adult Quarterly.

Under the auspices of the Board, in cooperation with other Boards of the Conference, another Young Christian Workers' Conference was held this past summer. The Institute met at Bluffton, Ohio, and was und-

er the leadership of the Rev. Paul R. Shelly. A total of 46 people were in attendance, of which 18 were CPS men or students. Mr. Shelly comments on the spirit of unity and fellowship that characterized the group, and also the sense of urgency and mission that was experienced in view of the feeling that the world is in such great need of the gospel of Jesus Christ, implying a task that demands complete loyalty and devotion.

Another responsibility taken over by the Board is that of centralizing all efforts to raise funds for the transportation of Mennonite students from other countries to America. About 24 such students are at present in America in Mennonite colleges. In this project other Boards are also cooperating.

The Board is working with the Young People's Union in planning and carrying out their activities. Annual meetings are held with the officers of the Union.

We would again like to lay on the hearts of our people the needs of the young people who are being helped by the CPS Educational Rehabilitation and the Foreign Students Exchange funds. Our young men who served as much as three and four years in CPS without compensation for conscience sake deserve to have their college tuition provided, especially in view of the fact that so many are planning for Christian service. Then, also, to bring students of our own faith from other countries to America to study in our own colleges can mean much to a united Mennonitism throughout the world. Through the Foreign Students Exchange we have the opportunity to aid in this.

The Board greatly appreciates the financial support that has been given and asks a continued place in your gifts for the promotion of God's work. We want to serve the best interests of the church and the Kingdom of God in the field of Christian education. To this end, above all, we ask your prayers for the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

A. S. Rosenberger, Secretary

RELIEF WORK—A MISSION WORK

In Genesis 45:7, we find the words given by Joseph of old to his brethren when he was recognized by them: "And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance." In the book of Esther 4:14, the last part, we have these words: "and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this," and again Romans 11:33: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out."

Can we not apply many of the above truths to the experiences of our ancestors, parents, and ourselves and the wonderful ways God has led us all.

It was by reason of persecution that a large number of our Mennonite brethren and sisters left the old country—the home of their cradle and childhood, the home of their activities, the home they loved so dearly—to come to this new country some two hundred years ago and more. Again and again others have left their homes later because they were not able to live undisturbed according to the dictates of their conscience, the great majority coming to this and the neighboring country to the north. God showered his blessing upon them in a remarkable measure, both in a material way and also spiritually.

Starvation and unrest has come to people in the world repeatedly. The first emergency, to my recollection, in which our Mennonite people took a vital interest, may have been the great famine in India at the close of the last century. For this emergency, our people gathered a shipload of food to be sent across. One or more of our representatives went with the shipment and helped distribute the food among the sufferers. This deed, no doubt, opened the doors for mission work much wider in that country.

When, after the first world war, our brethren in Russia experienced a severe famine, and many were starving to death, our people in America donated large sums of money and much clothing to feed and clothe those in distress. A number of our workers went across the waters at that time to help distribute the food and clothing. These workers also brought

them encouragement and spiritual nourishment. Due to unrest and revolution in the country, many left their homes or were forced to leave them, and fled into Germany and other countries. Then came the rehabilitation problem. It required large sums of money to transport the many people who lost their homes and all their earthly possessions and were looking to other countries for a place to establish a new home in which they could live in peace. Our people did not fail those who undertook this enormous task to plan and make possible the movement of these large numbers to establish themselves in the various countries. Our constituents have proved themselves faithful.

Again, World War II has come and is gone. This has brought in its wake the greatest catastrophe the world has ever experienced, America, to some extent, not included.

Although relief work, to a lesser extent, has been carried on at all times since the last war and before, it was not until the Second World War started that the challenge became more forceful. As the war went on, conditions became more tragic. The peak of our relief program so far had been reached in the year just closed—1946. In 1946, the War Suffering Relief Expenditure exceeded the total W. S. R. Expenditure in the five preceding years, from 1941 to 1945, by a large sum. Since the rehabilitation program has made its beginning, a new high peak is expected to be reached in 1947.

Large sums of money will be required for the transporting and establishing of as many displaced people as can be moved.

In all these emergencies, our land and our people have been blessed beyond all expectations by our heavenly Father, the Giver of all good gifts. He has given us peace, spiritual blessings, and bountiful material aid. Our people have contributed very liberally to carry out the above program thus far. We were always able to meet our obligations. We rely on you to help carry through the 1947 program.

God sent Joseph to Egypt to save his people from starvation and prepare a temporary home for them. He brought Esther to the king's court to save her people. I am firmly convinced He sent us into this land to save

the lives of many of our brethren and sisters and help prepare an earthly home for them wherever possible. If we remind ourselves again how wonderful our heavenly Father has led our forefathers and us to the present day, we have reason to praise God with the words, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God, how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out."

Please pray for the board and its work.

In His Service,
John C. Mueller, Secretary

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OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK

The \$235,000 budget for Foreign Mission Work for 1947 gives an inkling of the scope of this endeavor. With missionary work being carried on among the American Indians in Oklahoma, Arizona, and Montana, in India, in China, in Africa, and in South America, one can hardly give a composite picture of all of these concerns, or of all of the glorious victories which have been won in the Name of Lord and Master Jesus Christ

Particularly fruitful has been the work in India during 1946. Brother S. T. Moyer, now at home on furlough, writes:

"The way things were when I left India—on all sides the work is bulging, whether evangelism with baptisms, church extension, Christian students, hospital cases The total student population of the Jagdeesphur area is 765, of which 700 come from Christian homes. That mean the baptised Christians of that station area send 700 of their children into schools operated by the church and mission. This, of course, is an essential part . . . if the young church on the field is to be a Bible reading church. You cannot have a firm church that is illiterate . . . these include 175 in Middle School, 54 in High School, the remainder in village and local primary schools . . . There is insistant demand from the government that the mission put in a normal training school for girls at Janjgir, as well as have lower classes for girls of High School levels The most urgent need is for bungalows for workers, builders to build these, four new couples to serve for immediate re-

placement, and five couples for post-war advance . . . Total baptisms . . . one could quite safely say over 800."

The Lord's Commission to our Church is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Are we willing to pay the price?

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Central Province, India

Bauman, Dr. H. R. and Ella, Champa
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 Claassen, Rev. and Mrs. Curt, Champa
 Cressman, Leon, (leaving in 1947, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada)
 Dester, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. (on furlough, Deer Creek, Oklahoma)
 Duurksen, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. (on furlough, North Newton, Kansas)
 Isaac, Mrs. F. J. Mauhadih
 Jantzen, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. (returning in 1947, 1626 Winona Blvd., Hollywood, 27, Cal.)
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 Klassen, Gladys (leaving in 1947, Mountain Lake, Minnesota)
 Lehman, Melva, (leaving in 1947, Berne, Indiana)
 Moyer, Rev. and Mrs. S. T. (on furlough, Freeman, South Dakota)
 Nickel, Helen, Champa
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American Indians

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OUR HOME MISSION WORK

This year we will give a brief summary of important developments by Districts, in which the work is found.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE. Many of the Canadian churches where loans had been granted in the past for church enlargement or renovation have been repaid. Loans now can help other churches. Elm Creek, Man. and out stations where Rev. J. P. Bueckert, Gretna, Man. is Elder, is planning on rebuilding their place of worship. A loan was granted. The Sardis British Columbia Mennonite Church is planning on rebuilding and enlarging their place of worship this year. Rev. William Martens is the pastor. In Northern Saskatchewan a new worker has been placed in the Prince Albert section. In Southern Saskatchewan, Rev. V. E. Nickel, Wymark, Sack. is doing substitute teaching in the Swift Current Bible School during the winter of 46-47. This Bible School is growing and some building will have to be done to meet the needs.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Wiens and family have moved into their own home, and this enabled the Board to establish the "Mary-Martha" Girls Home with Tina Lehn as Matron, 6460 St. George Street, Vancouver, B. C. The Home was opened in September and is already filled. Mr. A. T. Wiens is a T. B. patient at the Mountain Sanatorium, Hamilton, Ontario. We are glad to announce that Rev. and Mrs. H. Albert

Claassen, have taken over the leadership of the United Mennonite Church, 140 Victor Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario.

PACIFIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE. During the year new work was started in Idaho, Rev. Menno H. Kliener, 315 Grant Street, Caldwell, is pastor of the church. They are busy at work to get their own building for worship.

The work in Portland, Oregon, and Winton, California, is going forward.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Rev. and Mrs. John G. Unruh, Madrid, Nebraska, are making satisfactory progress in the work. The summer Bible School reached many children.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Rev. Henry Thiessen, Independence, Kansas, is working courageously in the Fredonia Mennonite Church. Rev. Thiessen is hoping for new Mennonite settlers to come into that community.

MIDDLE DISTRICT Students from the Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Bible School, 4614-20 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago 15, Illinois are filling many pulpits in our churches within the area of about 100 miles from Chicago. This is good training and practice for our future ministers.

EASTERN DISTRICT The Calvary Church, Quarryville, Pa. and Smith Corner Church, East Freedom, Pa., are working faithfully in the fields. The General Conference Church that has been started in Lancaster, Pa. with Dev. Don Smucker, pastor, was in the process of organization during the first few weeks of 1947, attendance nearly 100.

SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN WORK The workers in this region are: Miss Elsie Pfisterer, Incline, Ky., Miss Margaret Slotter, Cumberland, Ky., and Miss Elsa E. Grantland, Paint Rock, North Carolina. We hope to enlarge this work in the near future.

MEXICO Senior and Mrs. Frank P. Dyck, Hoffnungssau, Mennonite Church, Apartado 3, Cuauhtemoc, Chih., Mexico. Brother Dyck also will do some teaching in the school.

SOUTH AMERICA We are sending a good

number of subscriptions of the "Christlecher Bundesbote" to homes in Paraguay. General Conference Mennonites in Blumenort, Col. Fernheim, Chaco, Paraguay, have built a church in cooperation with the Brüdergemeinde. We are still supporting the services conducted in Asuncion where Rev. and Mrs. Ernst Harder will be laboring.

All the names and stations of Home Mission Workers could not be given in this article. It is the earnest desire of the Board members that you look over the list of workers with addresses and remember them and the Board regularly in prayer.

Very sincerely in Christ,

A. J. Neuenschwander, Secretary

HOME MISSION WORKERS

CANADA

Itinerant Ministers:

Rev. J. P. Bueckert, Gretna, Manitoba
Rev. Isaac A. Derksen, Gronlid, Saskatchewan
Rev. Jacob J. Nickel, Main Centre, Saskatchewan
Rev. C. F. Sawatzky, Laird, Saskatchewan
Rev. Jacob Toews, Glenlea, Manitoba

Workers in City Churches and Girls Homes:

Miss Helena Epp, Matron, Ebenezer Girls Home, 605 Banffyna Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Rev. and Mrs. H. Albert Claassen, Pastor, United Mennonite Church, 140 Victor Ave., Toronto 6, Ontario

Rev. I. I. Friesen, 864 Downing St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Pastor, Bethel Church, Furby and Westminster St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

Rev. J. J. Swatzky, 2115 14A St., SW, Calgary, Alberta, Pastor of Mennonite Church, 1706 17th Ave., SW, Calgary, Alberta

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Rev. and Mrs. Jacob B. Wiens, 595 E. 46th St., Pastor, Mennonite Church, Corner 49th and St. George St., Vancouver, B. C.

Miss Tina Lehn, Matron, Mary-Martha Girls Home, 6460 St. George Street, Vancouver, B. C.

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Rev. Wm. Martens, Sardis, B. C.

Rev. V. E. Nickel, Wymark, Saskatchewan

Rev. Isaac H. Wiens, Herbert, Saskatchewan
Mr. A. T. Wiens, Mountain Sanatorium, Hamilton, Ontario

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Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Glanzer, Bethel Mennonite Church, Winton, California

Rev. Menno H. Kliener, 315 Grant St., Caldwell, Idaho

Rev. and Mrs. Don. Smucker, 110 Stockton St., Princeton, N. J., Pastor of the Lancaster, Pa., Church

Rev. Henry Thiessen, Mennonite Mission Church, Route 4, Independence, Kansas

Rev. and Mrs. John G. Unruh, First Mennonite Church, Madrid, Nebraska

Southern Mountain Work:

Miss Elsie Pfister, Incline, Kentucky, Bible Classes and Sunday School work.

Miss Margaret Slotter, Cumberland, Kentucky, Box 509, Bible Classes, Sunday School work

Miss Elsa E. Grantland, Paint Rock, North Carolina, Bible Classes, Sunday Schools

Part Time Workers:

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Friesen, 235 East 49th Street, New York 17, New York, Mennonite Fellowship

MEXICO

Sr. and Mrs. Frank P. Dyck, Hoffnungsauf Mennonite Church, Apartado 3, Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico

SOUTH AMERICA

We pay for ministers from the Colonies to hold services in the Capitol City, Asuncion, Paraguay. The Mennonite Central Committee workers arrange the schedule. Rev. Jacob Isaac, Blumeort, Fernheim, Chaco, Paraguay.

OUR PUBLICATION

Your Board of Publications seeks to serve your Conference through the adequate service of the printed word to facilitate the work of all the various boards. It does this through a series of three weekly and three quarterly magazines, and a number of related services, in attempt to bring unity and effectiveness to the work of every agency.

This range of services is financed, in part, through direct payment of subscriptions, and the balance through contributions. For a period of some years just past, by far the larger portion of these costs have been covered by subscriptions. During the last two years new factors have entered which affect the budget of this board in working out its full range of services:

1. Extended services. The personnel and facilities of the main office have been enlarged. Through these services we hope to render more effective service in the field of mailing, direct publicity, advertising, etc., for the various board who may seek to avail themselves of these services. We are willing

to assist other boards as requested in editing, ordering, and processing pamphlets, books, and similar materials when such assistance is desired. Our mailing lists are available without cost, except for so-called "direct costs", to any General Conference Board or Committee.

2. Re-allocated Costs. The costs of editing the Sunday School quarterlies, which formerly was born, for the most part by the Board of Education, will, in the future, be paid through the accounts of the Board of Publication, in order more perfectly to portray actual costs. This increases materially the amount the Board of Publication will require in its budget.

3. Increased printing costs. Increases in printing costs for the year 1947 are all the way from 14 per cent to 42 per cent, with the average of 30 per cent increase. Not all of this can be borne by the Sunday Schools as direct increases in prices of Sunday School materials, or increases in subscription rates, especially not the 10-per-cent-plan subscriptions.

In the light of the above factors the Board of Publications feels that it will need \$12,000 in income during 1947.

B. Bargen, Manager

THE PUBLICATION OFFICE

CHURCH UNITY COMMITTEE

It is still the duty of the church to do what she can to help answer the prayer of Jesus when He prayed, "that they may all be one." If ever there was a need for unity among believers, it is today. The world trembles at the thought of what may happen if the nations do not get together. The world is looking for heroic men and women who will dare to venture out in closer cooperation. It takes a great deal of faith in God and faith in man to venture out in mutual trust and confidence when the world has just come out of a life and death struggle when nations were at each other's throats. The world is looking to Christians to lead the way to better understanding and more harmonious living. Unfortunately, the world does not see the unity among believers which it has a right to expect. How can the world believe that Christ

THE MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY AND MENNONITE BIBLE SCHOOL

When the first great missionaries to the Gentiles returned to the mother church in Jerusalem, they reported about the things "which the Lord had done." We have the great joy of bringing a similar report. A year ago we prayed that God would show us the way to solve the pressing housing problem. Now we have a nice little campus. A year ago we had no legal status. Now we are a registered corporation. A year ago we trembled because of great financial and moral responsibilities. Now we rejoice because we have experienced God's wonderful faithfulness and the backing of friends and churches.

All that is of the Lord. He is indeed a wonderful Father.

The Seminary Headquarters. On resolution of the Seminary Board on July 4, 1946, the Joyce Estate on 4614-20 Woodlawn, was purchased for the price of \$45,000, with an additional amount of \$2,000 for the furniture. \$15,000 of this is a loan without interest. Eight families and three single individuals live on the premises, leaving two rooms for guests. Since the Seminary has taken over the Mennonite Gospel Mission on 62nd Street, three other families have found living quarters there. They carry on the work of the Mission. One family assists Rev. J. T. Neufeld at the Bible Mission and has the advantage of living in the Mission Home. In December, 1946, our Seminary family counted 41 souls.

Any increase in the student body will require additional living quarters. The Board has considered this matter prayerfully, and since the adjacent home was offered to the school for a reasonable price, the Board felt led by the Lord to buy the building and to use it for married students with children. Possession of the house is promised to the school for February of 1947. Friends of the Lind, Washington, Church have been kind enough to advance the money for the purchase of that building.

Faculty. The coming of Dr. S. F. Pannabecker as Dean of the Seminary and Mrs. Pannabecker as Superintendent of the home,

is the Prince of Peace when professed followers of Christ do not live in harmony and peace? For the sake of helping the world believe that in Christ Jesus there is hope for a better world condition, churches should by all means unite.

We must not be blind to the difficulties involved. Organic church union is of little value and consequence if the churches that unite are not one at the center in a wholehearted love and devotion to Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord of all. The Saviorhood and Lordship of Christ is always basic in church union. And this must be more than a mere confession by word of mouth. Unity among brethren is something that is felt. Where there is an unashamed, wholehearted, unwavering love and devotion to Christ, believers will feel one at heart even though they cannot agree on some interpretations of scriptures. The love and devotion to Christ that unites believers is expressed in love for their fellowmen, especially in love for the Christian brotherhood. It is expressed by a love that respects the personality of fellow-believers. This love is shed abroad into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. And so the problem of church unity comes down to an individual, personal experience with Christ. Each pastor and each individual church member can contribute to church unity by giving his undivided loyalty and devotion to Christ the Lord and Savior of the world.

Organic union among Mennonites should not be an unattainable goal. Still there are over thirty congregations which belong to district conferences, but which have not as yet united with the General Conference, according to the report of our Executive Secretary. We hope that these congregations will see their way clear to unite with the General Conference at the time of the next session in 1947. The Mennonite churches of Paraguay have already made application to unite with the General Conference. This is a great step forward. Church unity transcends national and continental boundaries, for church unity is but an expression of the widening sphere of the Kingdom of God.

In the Service of our Common Savior
and Lord,

W. F. Unruh, Secretary

OUR SEMINARY HOME

Pictured, at the right, are two building units of the Mennonite Biblical Seminary and the Mennonite Bible School, 4614 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

More recently, a 66 room apartment building, has been purchased.

Our Seminary headquarters, representing holdings valued at about \$100,000, actually symbolizes our pledge to the young people who are devoting their lives to the service of Christ and His Church.



as well as that of Rev. John T. Neufeld as Business Manager and Assistant Treasurer, have strengthened the school greatly. For the winter quarter, Dr. Ed. G. Kaufman has accepted to teach a course on "Missions of Today" and in spring Rev. Erland Waltner will give a class in the New Testament field. An increase in the faculty is being contemplated for 1947-48.

Student Body. In the fall quarter, the school had 22 students enrolled. They were registered as follows:

Seniors	Middlers
LaVerne Rutschman	Albert L. Jantzen
Arnold Regier	Elmer Friesen
Mrs. Ed. Miller	Ernst Harder
Juniors	Maynard Shelly
Mrs. A. L. Jantzen	Willard Wiebe
Irvin Richert	Arnold Nickel
Walter Ediger	Bible School Students
David Habegger	Mrs. Walter Ediger
Mrs. David Habegger	Burt Russell
Esko Loewen	Mrs. Burt Russell
Harold Thiessen	Mrs. Arnold J. Regier
Jacob Ewert	Carl Selman

We are happy to see these young people devoted to the cause of the Lord. Others have indicated their intention to join the group during the year.

Field Secretary. Brother Ed. J. Miller has

been in the field since June 1, and has visited most of the churches in the Pacific District Conference, some in Kansas, in Minnesota, and Ohio. He is doing very efficient work and reports a kind attitude of the churches toward the institution, supported by prayers and gifts.

The First Church of Topeka, Indiana, was kind enough to give Rev. W. S. Shelly a leave of absence with pay long enough to visit the churches of the Central Conference in the interest of the school. Rev. Shelly reports very encouragingly from his trip: "All churches thus far have agreed that they should have a share in the Seminary project, and they are taking steps to provide funds The Central Conference is sold on the Seminary."

Practical Work Program. All of our students are required to engage in a practical work program regularly. Six of them have regular student pastorates: Willard Wiebe at First Church, Beatrice, Nebraska; LaVerne Rutschman at the Community Church, Comins, Michigan; Maynard Shelly, Boynton Church, Hopedale, Illinois; Walter Ediger, Mennonite Church, Kouts, Indiana; Harold Thiessen, Gospel Mission, Chicago, Illinois; Arnold Nickel, Donnellson, Iowa. Rev. Arnold J. Regier serves as assistant at the Bible Mission, Chicago, and others work as teachers of Bible Classes and Sunday Schools. The great-

est privilege of a Christian is to be a co-worker with God in the salvation of souls.

Relationship to Bethany. It is our conviction that the relationship between the affiliated schools has grown stronger with the beginning of the second year. Besides the regular class work, faculty members and students participate in chapel programs, prayer meetings, and a number of other activities.

Support of the School. The school is being supported by churches and friends of the General Conference who are eager to serve the Lord by assisting Him in the preparation of ministers and other church workers. The institution has come into existence as a venture of faith on the part of the Seminary Board, even though the Conference has encouraged it. It was trust in God and His great cause on the one hand, and confidence in His church on the other, which prompted the Board to venture out. This faith has been rewarded.

Control of the School. The Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Bible School is controlled by the General Conference through a regularly elected Board of nine voting members. In addition, the Witmarsum Alumni Association elects two representatives and the Board of any Senior or Junior Mennonite College—at present three colleges—has the privilege of one representative on this Board. These representatives are members of the Board in an advisory capacity.

In closing, I am happy to express my gratitude to the members of the Seminary Board, to our churches and friends who have made the advances in the work possible through their prayers and contributions, and especially to Almighty God for His patience and sustaining grace.

A. Warkentin, Seminary President

THE PEACE COMMITTEE

The good news has come that our Alternative Service Program—which we know as CPS—is now down to less than 150 people in MCC camps and units. It is also reported that a sizeable financial balance is on hand at the MCC Headquarters, which will be enough to carry the program to its conclusion without any further contributions.

We thank you heartily for your efforts toward this program. Without our combin-

ed efforts it could not have been possible. There are numbers of ex-CPS men who feel very grateful for what the churches have so graciously contributed. We were not always able to meet our entire quota as a conference; yet on the basis of the number of men from our conference in camp, we carried our share of the burden.

While no more money will be needed for CPS, there will be money needed to continue the work of the General Conference Peace Committee, and we encourage your continued support. There is a great deal of work that needs to be done, and we are planning to work in the following areas:

Peace Education. This task has just begun; we need to do more extensive, as well as more intensive, work along this line in our churches, if our peace principle is to live.

Voluntary Service Projects.—During the war we had to serve in the Alternative Service Program; now we have opportunity to serve voluntarily. There are numerous areas where we can serve effectively, and there are also consecrated people who want to serve.

Foreign Students in Mennonite Colleges. Your Peace Committee bears its share in this worthy project. The time may also come where our own students may study in Mennonite institutions abroad, and thus a closer bond of fellowship of our young people can be established.

Spiritual Service to Mennonites abroad. Many of our brethren abroad would welcome much closer bonds of fellowship to be established between them and us, and it is our hope that we will not fail them in the hour of need. (This is not to reach into the Relief Board and Mutual Aid Board resettlement service; ours is to render what help we can to European Mennonites spiritually, and to bind our fellowship closer together).

We feel that you will want to continue your support of the Peace Committee, and we ask for your continued prayerful remembrance of this committee. We estimate a budget of \$20,000 for 1947, and we solicit your continued prayerful support.

H. T. Unruh, Chairman
Albert Gaeddert, Secretary

THE BOARD OF MUTUAL AID

In the first year of its operation, the Board of Mutual Aid has received \$35,500.00 in loans and has made loans to 32 men with \$29,398.00. The purposes of the loans have been to help men buy livestock and equipment, to start farming, to establish themselves in business, to start housekeeping, to complete their education, and to help them buy homes. The Board is also assuming responsibility to raise money to help finance the transportation and rehabilitation of refugees from Europe to Paraguay and Mexico, United States, and Canada.

J. W. Fretz, Executive Secretary

THE WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

This past year has been one of unprecedented activity among the women of our Conference. With millions of people in Europe in great need the mission societies have risen to the responsibility and privilege which is ours to "do good unto all men, especially to them that are of the household of faith."

Besides the new and used clothing prepared for six months' wear overseas, the canning of meats and vegetables for relief and C. P. S. camps (1945-46), and the response to local needs, the mission work was not forgotten. In the area of Home Missions money was contributed toward the renovation of church buildings at Calgary, Alberta and Toronto, Ontario, for mountain work in Kentucky and North Carolina, migrant work in Illinois, Minnesota and Arkansas, home mission work in Paraguay and Brazil.

Foreign Mission projects which received a good deal of support were: Ellengowan Rest Home in India, guest house for Jagdeeshpur station, Hopi Christians to Flagstaff Bible Conference, funds for school expenses of interpreter's child, China Rehabilitation Fund, equipment for Jagdeeshpur hospital, new missionaries in Africa and Colombia.

In the missionary education field the Mennonite Biblical Seminary was adopted as a project for support. Societies help furnish the Woodlawn building with dishes, linens, etc.

The plan for a Visitation Program among the societies was further developed and a

Standard of Goals was prepared, also a model constitution and other helps. The following women have participated in visiting the societies thus far: Miss Aganetha Fast, Mrs. A. M. Lohrentz, Mrs. Hugo Bartel (Sask.), Mrs. P. R. Schroeder, Mrs. W. C. Andreas, Mrs. J. A. Ewert, Mrs. A. J. Richert, Mrs. Herbert F. Sprunger, Mrs. A. E. Kreider, Mrs. S. F. Pannabecker, Mrs. W. E. Regier, Mrs. J. E. Entz, Mrs. Herbert Miller, Mrs. Wm. C. Voth. On invitation, three members of the Executive Committee attended the meeting of the Central District Conference in August. The Women's Organization of the Central District elected a District adviser and decided to contribute dues of ten cents per member to the Women's Missionary Association General Treasury.

Four workers from our Conference were sent out as migrant workers under the Mennonite Women's Service Committee.

Projects for 1947

There will again be openings for migrant work next summer. Interested candidates may contact Mennonite Women's Service Committee Chairman, Mrs. Mary Burkhard, 1011 So. 7th St., Goshen, Indiana, or the Secretary, Miss Emma Ruth, 1049 West Ave., Reedley, California.

With the return of missionaries to China money for equipment for the journey and on the field will be greatly needed. Practically all that was there of tools, bicycles, tents, household equipment and furniture has been taken away or destroyed during the war years. Remember the China Rehabilitation Fund for the needy in spirit, body and soul.

Our workers in Colombia have succeeded in renting a large building in Chachipay, two hours from Bogota. They expect to take children into the "Home" beginning February 1. There will be many opportunities to help along there with equipment and running expenses.

The societies can help supply fixtures and needs for the new bungalows recently authorized by the Board for India. Funds for hospital equipment at Jagdeeshpur can still be used to very good advantage.

Besides the ever-available relief sewing projects there are sewing projects for the hospi-

tal at Mukedi station, Belgian Congo, Africa. These are sent through Congo Inland Mission Headquarters, 1326 West 72nd Street, Chicago 36, Illinois.

The U. S. Indian stations in Arizona and Oklahoma need new workers and our prayers in a very special way.

How about contributions to the Chapel Fund for Elsa Grantland's work away up in the mountains of North Carolina, or to the work of Elsie Pfister and Margaret Slotter in Kentucky?

Send all funds for whatsoever cause to Women's Missionary Association Treasurer, Mrs. Frieda Regier Entz, 317 East Fourth, Newton, Kansas.

May God give the increase as we labor together with Him!

Financial and project reports for the fiscal year 1945-46 follow below.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. W. C. Voth, Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

Since the 1941 Souderton meeting of the General Conference, this Young People's Union has been in official existence under its own constitution as an auxiliary of the General Conference with a Counsellor from the Board of Education. Our conference had long had district Christian Endeavor or district Young People's Society organizations. Although several of our district organizations are for the entire C. E. of the churches, they are gradually coming to be administered by young people under the guidance of older persons.

Actually, the local church unit, the "young people's meeting" or the C. E. as they are in many of our local churches, are not "youth" organizations. The general pattern is usually one of the following: (1) a C. E. program for the whole church with the juniors giving one part, the seniors the other; (2) a graded C. E. with a young people's division and sometimes an intermediate for the high school age; (3) a Young People's Society or Youth Fellowship which is specifically for the youth and often in addition to the Sunday evening

family program and sometimes with more varied activity during the week. Of these three types, we assume the first is the most common and the third increasingly becoming so.

The brief summary above may be helpful to understand the task of this union of all General Conference youth. The Y. P. U. attempts to tie together the Christian youth of our conference regardless of the name of their local or district organization. Perhaps as we work together further and following the leading of the Lord, we may find ways of simplifying our organization for more effective co-operation and a more stimulating program of and for our youth. Most of the youth work in our conferences is done through the districts with the cooperative district planning being done through the Y. P. U. Council (formerly called Board). The Council consists of one or more representatives from each district. February, 1946, was perhaps its first called meeting. Likely this will become an annual affair and potentially a very effective planning session for joint district action. The Y. P. U. "general assembly" of delegates from each local church should meet every three years at the time of the regular meeting of the General Conference. This "general assembly" is the joint action of all the local groups, and elects the Y. P. U. Executive Committee which carries on the business between Council and "general assembly" sessions.

This Executive Committee has met three times during the past year in addition to the Council meeting. We have great hopes for making the August, 1947, meeting at Berne the largest and most important meeting the General Conference youth have had. Our goal is at least one youth (under 30 years of age) from every local church as conference and Y. P. U. delegate!

During the year 1946, some of the following activities were carried out: (1) The Council adopted the **Missionary Education** project for recommendation to the individual districts and churches, and most of the districts have since made it one of their official district projects. This now supports four students—one from Paraguay, three from Puerto Rico. These four students will be re-

turning to their own country to help in the Christian work as they are called. (2) Representatives of the Peace Committee and the Y. P. U. were given the responsibility by the General Conference Executive Committee for developing Voluntary Service projects sponsored by the General Conference Boards. The beginning project was in Chicago last summer with the Home Mission church. A program considerably larger and more varied is being planned for this summer of 1947. (3) Field Work by Y. P. U. representatives, and Institutes were planned this past year to cover to some extent all of the districts and provinces of our conference in order to encourage local leadership, to study our youth organization, and to learn to know each other. These field workers included Verney Unruh, Ernst Harder, Ruth Ewert Harder, and Elmer Ediger. (4) Around the World Mennonite Youth Correspondence—With the end of the war, a correspondence with Holland Mennonite youth began, and is continuing, rather spontaneously through Esko Loewen. (5) Mennonite Youth has regularly been a four page section in *The Mennonite*, edited by Esko Loewen. Lack of finances were a considerable handicap in our development here.

There are many areas of weakness in the above and other activities we have wanted to promote but have failed. Our financial program needs much more consistent support from the local churches. Our channels for reaching the youth on the local level are still quite cluttered because of the variety and lack of local youth organization. Efforts toward producing much needed program materials, and an initiated retreat study have faltered. Although our youth may be more "youth conscious", they need a consistently challenging program, particularly locally. We realize the heavy loads of pastors, and we want to lend our assistance as we are able. We look forward hoping and praying.

Elmer Ediger, President

IN MEMORIAM

Obituaries of Ministers and Missionaries which have appeared in the *Mennonite* and *Bundesbote* are listed below for reference:

Jacob J. Balzer, in *Bundesbote*, February 19; David J. Ediger, in *Mennonite*, December

31; Ferdinand J. Isaac, in *Mennonite*, November 5; Rodolph Petter, in *Mennonite*, January 14, January 28, and March 4; Derk P. Tieszen, in *Mennonite*, April 30; David A. Schultz, in *Mennonite*, September 3; David D. Unruh, in *Mennonite*, April 16; and C. J. Voran, in *Mennonite*, July 30.

BROTHERLY GREETINGS FROM HOLLAND

Algemeene
Doopsgezinde Societeit
Amsterdam
Mr. J. N. Smucker,

July 11th, 1946

President of the General Mennonite Conference of
the Mennonite Church of North America

B L U F F T O N (Ohio)

To our Brethren of the Mennonite Faith in America:

After the cruel war it was a wonderful consolation to us to greet your representative in our midst and we remembered the word of the profet Jesaia: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace."

To many of us it was a surprizing delivery to receive the aid offered by your people in the year of hunger: 1945. However, of the utmost importance we consider the spiritual contact with us as it was sought by you, so that we might be conscious of the unity, that keeps us tied together through all ages and may never be lost.

We often feel impressed by the way your congregations succeeded in maintaining the old Mennonite principles. We, too, feel that longing for the church of our fathers such as it was confirmed in the days of Menno Simons under the many persecutions. During the trials of the second world war, we always felt anew the spiritual help we could receive from the faith of the church and the truth of Jesus words: "And lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." (Matth. 28:20)

We received your greetings through Brother E. G. Kaufman and your letter d.d.29 May 1946 and we are thankful in reading it. We pray that the Lord may keep and protect you and that once the day may break, that we may meet you all face to face in your country and offer the brotherhand, one in the faith and the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May the Lord's blessings be with you all,

For the Algemeene Doopsgezinde Societeit,

/s/ H. Craandijk

Secretaris

(Dr. H. Craandijk)



MONTHLY WINDOW DISPLAYS

are arranged at Conference Headquarters. They are designed to be both informational and inspirational.

The picture (at the left) shows the Doctrine and Conduct Committee display for December, 1946.

Other boards and committees are urged to avail themselves of this service. "Let your light so shine before men." (Matt. 5:16a)

LITERATURE RECOMMENDED

AFRICA

The Missionary Messenger, bi-monthly, 50c a year in advance; order from The Congo Missionary Messenger, Berne, Indiana.

Thirty-five Years in the Congo, by W. B. Weaver, \$1.25.

Wall map of Africa, 22" x 28", 25c.

The Cross Over Africa, by Newell S. Booth; paper—60c; cloth—\$1.00.

CHINA

Mission Work in China, Mrs. S. J. Goering, 3c
Chinese Diamonds for the King of Kings, and Climbing, by Mrs. Rosalind Goforth, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, \$1.50.

The Soong Sisters, by Emily Hahn, \$3.00.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them, by Mrs. H. J. Brown, 1c.

Two Growing Christians, by Marie J. Regier, 1c.

A Student Confesses Christ, by Wilhelmus Kuyf, 1c.

A School Teacher's Experience, by Wilhelmina Kuyf, 1c.

Foreign Medicine, No. 1 and No. 2, by Hazel Liu, each 1c.

INDIA

Twenty-Five Years With God in India, by India missionaries, \$1.00.

With Christ on the Edge of the Jungle, S. T. Moyer, \$1.00.

Leaflets by India missionaries, 3c each.

Champa Hospital in the Making, by Ella G. Bauman, M. D., 3c.

He Was, He Is, He Will Be, by P. A. Penner, 3c.
Statistics of India, and About Hinduism, both by Herbert E. Dester, M. D., 3c each.

Ganesham (A story), by Mrs. F. J. Isaac, 3c.

Garib (A play with 14 characters; Suggestions for this play by Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Penner), 15c.

The Life Story of Andrew and Magdalene (A story from the Leper Home at Champa), 15c.

MIGRANT WORK

Uprooted Americans, by Benson Y. Landis and others. Five pamphlets on migrants. Friendship Press, New York, 1946, 60c.

Roving with the Migrants, Adela J. Ballard, Supervisor of Migrant Work, Council of Women for Home Missions, 1931.

SOUTH AMERICA

On This Foundation, Stanley W. Rycroft, 1942, "The Evangelical Witness in Latin America."

The Monk Who Lived Again, \$1.25, cloth, 1946, B. H. Pearson.

Colombia's Seventh Chapter of Acts, B. H. Pearson, Light and Life Press, Winona Lake, Indiana, 10c.

A New Macedonia Call from South America, Gerald B. Stucky, 3c.
Latin American Characteristics, W. C. Voth, 3c.

U. S. INDIANS

The American Reception Committee, Mrs. J. P. Suderman, 3c.

Reminiscences of Past Years, Rudolphe Petter, 10c.

G. A. Linscheid—Reminiscences of Our Life among the Cheyenne Indians, Mrs. G. A. Linscheid, 3c.
The Indian in American Life, G. E. E. Linquist, 1944, Pp. 180.

An Interpretation of Indian Peoples in Their Changing Relationships and Attitudes of Today, Cloth, \$1.00; Paper, 50c.

This is the Indian, Earle F. Dexter, Pictorial pamphlet, 25c.

Indians of the U. S. A., Wall map, 34½x22½", 25c.

Hopi Mission Field, Anna G. Stauffer, 10c.

The American Indians—Our Challenge, Mrs. G. A. Linscheid, 3c.

GENERAL

Large China Mission Field Map, 30c.

Large India Mission Field Map, 30c.

Large Indian Mission Field Map, 30c.

A Guide for Mission Study, Evangelical Teacher Training Association writes of this book, highly recommended for general mission study: "This book is one of a set of six which comprise our teacher training courses. These manuals are not for sale generally, but are available through approved teachers for accredited classes of the association." Association address: 800 North Clark Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

Order all materials from the Literature Committee, Mrs. A. J. Neuenchwander, Quakertown, Pennsylvania, Secretary-Treasurer, or procure from Loan Library, Mrs. Erland Waltner, Librarian, Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Loan packets may be had from Mrs. A. E. Kreider, Chairman, Route 2, Goshen, Indiana.

THE STATISTICAL TABLES

on the following pages cover the calendar year 1946, with the exception of Central Conference which statistics cover the fiscal year July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946.

We are sorry for the delay in the publication of the 1947 Handbook of Information. We endeavored to compile statistics for all of the churches, but did not quite succeed. A prompt return of statistical blanks will help to expedite future publications. We wish to thank all who had a part in compiling this information.

Church and Pastor

General Conference Causes

Membership
(not members)

Local Church
Support

Foreign Missions

Other G.C.
causes
Schools
etc.

	C E N T R A L #	E A S T E R N #	
Anchor, Roy Unzicker, Foosland, Ill.	40	316	983
Bellleyew (D. Davidson) R. 3, Columbus, Ks.)	21	76	250
Bethel, Frank R. Mitchell, Peoria, Ill.	74	1599	1013
Boynton, Maynard Ben Hopedale, Ill.	30	1599	11928
Calvary, Ben Esch, Washington, Ill.	126	5906	11928
Carlock, L. E. Troyer, Carlock, Ill.	161	48	2578
Comins, L. A. Rutschman, Fairview, Mich.	140	3449	5007
Congerville, (Randall Yoder, Congerville, Ill.)	60	40	396
Eighth Street, R. W. Hartzler, Goschen, Indiana	274	64	4486
Fire, Normal (C. L. Kaufman, Normal, Illinois)	208	40	4975
Flanagan, Emanuel Ulrich, El Paso, Ill.	68	17	3812
Kouts, Walter O. Ediger, Chicago, Ill.	36	10	500
Meadows, George I. Gunzy, Meadows, Ill.	200	28	2057
Mem. Gospel Mission (Mrs. Earl Anderson, Chicago, Ill.)	18	25	4188
North Daivers, W. B. Weaver, Danvers, Ill.	283	125	1947
Peoria Mission, Samuel Ummer, Peoria, Ill.	104	1803	531
Pleasant View, Herbert Roszkaert, Aurora, Neb.	156	12	2077
Silver Street, H. E. Nunnemaker, Goshen, Indiana	159	48	6396
Tiskilwa, L. R. Amstutz, Tiskilwa, Ill.	55	14	5023
Topoka, Wilmer S. Shelly, Topake, Indiana	219	40	1473
Warren Street, Alvin J. Regier, Middlebury, Indiana	81	3706	4649
Zion, Dale Schertz, Remington, Indiana	42	14	2121
Bethany, A. J. Neuenschwander, Quakertown, Pa.	161	40	66
Bethel, Don E. Smucker, Lancaster, Pa.	35	8	2563
Bethel, Ward W. Shelly, Coopersburg, Pa.	29	10	1258
Calvary, Walter Mcowell, Quarryville, Pa.	50	1516	78
Deep Run, J. H. Freta, Bedminster, Pa.	205	40	3774
East Swamp, A. H. Schultz, Quakertown, Pa.	198	90	1158
Eden, Freeman H. Swarts, Norristown, Pa.	276	109	4340
Emmanuel, E. D. Hess, Lancaster, Pa.	36	26	606
Fairfield, George S. Stonerock, Fairfield, Pa.	64	39	4123
First, Howard G. Nye, Allentown, Pa.	207	49	7252
Firer, Wesley C. Ewert, Philadelphia, Pa.	310	70	7772
Flatland, A. J. Neuenschwander, Quakertown, Pa.	63	28	514
Germantown, (Walter H. Temple, Allentown, Pa.)	34	4	954
Grace, J. J. Plekert, Lansdale, Pa.	240	100	10205
Hersford, Elmer F. S. Johnson, Hersford, Pa.	261	107	5871
Hoyer, George D. Gregor Schallburg, Bowersville, Pa.	45	36	1987
Pine Grove, Raymond V. Stubbs, Bowersville, Pa.	87	36	1987
Richfield, Benjamin S. Graybill, Richfield, Pa.	170	1131	544
Roaring Spring, David F. Miller, Roaring Spring, Pa.	47	12	531
Saucon, Ward, Shelly, Coopersburg, Pa.	16	12	170
Second, Walter J. Dick, Philadelphia, Pa.	167	20	5288
Smith Corner, John S. Haush, East Freedom, Pa.	59	38	437
Springfield, Ward W. Shelly, Coopersburg, Pa.	36	26	982
*Stirling Avenue, Andrew R. Shelly Kitchener, Ont. Can.	411	110	6101
Upper Millford, Howard G. Nyce, Allentown, Pa.	188	55	3379
West Swamp, A. J. Neuenschwander, Quakertown, Pa.	248	70	3278
Zion, Ellis Gruber, Souderton, Pa.	602	150	13493

#Contributions to Foreign and Home Missions, Relief, etc. made through District.

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Members at (not members)	Children	N O R T H E A R T		M I D D L E		E M E R G E N C Y		P E R S O N E L		S C H O O L S	
Conferences	Conferences	M	I	D	L	E	R	S	G.	C.	Other
Apostolic, J. E. Amstutz, Trenton, Ohio	27	2070	312	1512	60	258	35	100	105	33	2843
Bethel, E. A. Albrecht, Fortuna, Missouri	138	2588	62	312	198	1613	77	131	32	99	4912
Ebenezer, Howard T. Landes, Bluffton, Ohio	565	5979	341	1117	1335	1652	72	500	500	5173	15203
Eicher, Emmanuel, Walter H. Reiger, Wayland, Iowa	207	3605	172	2600	158	1946	45	67	665	5665	7782
Firer, Olin A. Krebbel, Baroda, Indiana	520	20000	5000	26000	7000	9000	1700	3000	1300	1300	78500
Firer, J. N. Schucker, Bluffton, Ohio	496	4856	409	1099	676	2094	5	983	97	111	11053
Firer, A. H. Lehman, Chicago, Illinois	72	64	2804	21	115	402	25	20	40	342	342
Firer, Sylvan Lehman, Lima, Ohio	38	25	1289	17	253	20	224	100	150	114	1927
Firer, Jacob J. Enz, Napoleon, Indiana	159	50	4010	62	1411	193	2108	47	2062	284	12027
Firer, William H. Stauffer, Sagamoreek, Ohio	246	25	2700	80	150	150	1000	200	100	150	4510
Firer, Elmer Beisinger, Summerfield, Illinois	140	14	1667	85	236	60	450	252	179	146	3147
Firer, Russell L. Hart, Wadsworth, Ohio	226	45	3288	44	366	174	260	252	260	329	67
Grace, Ernest J. Bohn, Pandora, Ohio	463	47	7373	28	2257	1138	260	10	639	410	12729
Grace, Bible Mission, John T. Neufeld, Chicago, Ill.	70	15	2150	35	195	160	160	15	18	16	614
Pulaski, E. A. Sommer, Pulaski, Iowa	168	38	1506	102	361	193	826	355	5	94	44
Salem, A. S. Rosenthal, Dalton, Ohio	221	82	3478	79	444	226	1289	419	770	102	3766
St. John, Frank S. Harder, Pandora, Ohio	203	70	5194	100	1174	200	1096	1000	900	3387	6837
Wayland, E. S. Mullett, Wayland, Iowa	265	65	3108	89	380	150	1020	102	250	104	93
Zion, (C. H. Lowenberg, Donnellson, Iowa)	236	32	2566	457	457	424	348	38	45	124	4183
Bethany, Hugo J. Kierau, Freeman, South Dakota	95	2168	85	533	266	142	142	137	251	53	3837
Bethel, Jacob L. Hoffman, Langdon, North Dakota	40	1231	116	747	747	210	210	31	281	281	2700
Bethel, Jacob L. Hoffman, Frazer, Montana	34	1631	157	1287	470	240	221	200	600	351	4638
Bethel, J. A. Tieszen, Marion, South Dakota	85	41	116	50	1740	123	929	500	500	100	31779
Bethel, Elmer Walther, Mountain Lake, Minnesota	626	220	928	570	4267	1205	10416	2516	351	4011	3874
Bethel, Albert Evert, Wolf Point, Montana	74	56	1393	131	2550	1515	977	343	2912	2912	9822
Bethesda, Alfred W. Friesen, Henderson, Nebraska	877	450	3625	455	8980	4063	16290	5316	1340	2000	44869
Bethesda, Alfred P. Walther, Marion, South Dakota	247	72	2041	106	5392	815	4329	1112	387	53	12435
Bethlehem, George P. Dick, Bloomfield, Montana	206	42	2900	73	3184	1022	5252	188	376	4497	17419
Bethlehem, Paul Tschetter, Butterfield, Minnesota	99	32	2812	73	420	30	873	22	15	1608	5853
Emmanuel, Frank W. Loewen, Boland, South Dakota	95	30	3798	491	276	91	13	13	15	2553	7222
Fairfield, (Joe P. Tschetter, Huron, South Dakota)	30	22	928	50	50	9	164	164	30	338	1519
Fairfield, M. M. Lehmann, Butterfield, Minnesota	87	58	1994	509	535	61	866	866	5	5	4331
Firer, G. Urrah, Madrid, Nebraska	39	30	870	150	535	225	1600	55	50	225	386
First, I. J. Dick, Mountain Lake, Minnesota	439	151	4525	327	2634	907	8597	1016	150	1136	19400
Friedenborg, Eduard Duarksen, Avon, South Dakota	107	25	1000	153	224	112	716	25	47	302	632
Gospel (J. J. Schulz, Mountain Lake, Minnesota)	262	262	2442	887	502	1522	883	883	629	629	7496
*Hutterthal, Joseph J. Hofer, Carpenter, South Dakota	75	40	1070	88	784	523	550	108	108	589	4124
Hutterthal, Jacob B. Hofer, Dolton, South Dakota	130	45	182	100	385	410	522	300	300	1899	1899
Immanuel, Victor Gruber, Delft, Minnesota	189	75	2282	300	1730	1799	1663	960	700	600	9537
*Mount Olivet, Alfred Reier, Huron, South Dakota	111	63	2755	85	1292	214	852	212	617	754	6787
*Neu Hutterthal, (Sam P. Gross, Bridgewater, S. Dak.)	30	25	617	930	350	350	116	458	44	41	14
New Home, H. Rupp, Westbrook, Minnesota	120	45	617	133	216	30	30	116	458	27	1033
Salem, Willard K. Claassen, Freeman, South Dakota	525	4	145	5827	677	2825	4807	3339	1072	10758	31540
Salem, Heilmuth Ortman, Mandan, North Dakota	147	120	4728	86	850	3570	344	583	583	2839	12824
Salem-Ziegler, Jacob J. Reier, Freeman, South Dakota	15	156	3817	566	1783	335	311	1541	50	50	2367
Swiss, Waldo Flickenger, Alles, North Dakota	122	24	1659	100	825	876	7494	2817	574	4539	23277
Woodland, Arthur F. Ortmann, Warrord, Minnesota	52	48	824	196	929	1831	78	1831	203	203	5625
Zion, Herbert H. Peters, Arena, North Dakota	28	14	530	206	117	117	117	77	32	8	3862
Zion, Michael J. Hofer, Bridgewater, South Dakota	37	24	24	24	24	24	24	400	250	247	1536

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All other contributions

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Church and Pastor	General Conference Causes										Total Contributions \$11,000,000
	Memorials (not members)	Wesleyan Support Church	Denominational Discrepancy	Protestant Misstatements	Home Misstatements	Misstatements of Other G.C.	Schools	Other G.C.	Relief Emergencies	Total Contributions \$11,000,000	
Alberta Community, Clyde H. Dirks, Portland, Oregon	72	55	2576	250	310	160	25	1215	30	187	4913
Bethel, J. P. Glanzner, Winton, California	62	30	1870	150	120	464	50	25	100	350	3279
Calvary, Barlow, Paul N. Roth, Canby, Oregon	80	32	3867	27	487	166	52	233	35	1104	4599
Colfax, P. D. Urmuh, Colfax, Washington	137	50	3677	120	1316	953	35	230	449	211	10117
Emmanuel, Pratum, Wilbert A. Regier, Salem, Oregon	254	35	9174	188	1666	917	524	175	211	1280	2322
First, H. N. Harder, Aberdeen, Idaho	358	120	6282	743	3418	872	7856	827	1615	702	3522
**First, Memo H. Kliever, Caldwell, Idaho	20	45	4,87	51	21	571	1889	175	460	565	559
First, George W. Konner, Monroe, Washington	70	45	4,276	98	529	272	920	54	43	120	6201
First, Orle Kaufman, Paso Robles, California	71	20	5703	226	318	356	294	30	2000	283	7330
First, P. K. Regier, Reedley, California	573	200	7373	1328	3043	1519	17152	1507	854	1704	36480
First, John Bartel, Shafter, California	66	35	2305	199	323	316	892	175	4210	525	12041
First, Earl L. Salzman, Upland, California	357	45	6,275	505	876	571	276	760	612	3479	4768
Glendale, Lynden, F. D. Koehn, Blaine, Washington	49	16	14,07	424	609	197	299	610	247	290	14,817
Grace, P. A. Kliever, Albany, Oregon	121		3029	24	804	509	920	47	4070	4,070	19983
Grace, Homer Leisy, Dallas, Oregon	300	63	12047	362	1013	610	843	599	309	6456	4,091
Immanuel, H. D. Burkholder, Los Angeles, California	276	98	11747	2423	1058	15692	226	7943	419	33	3274
Memo (Rose M. Krebbiel, Lind, Washington)	134	35	5898	476	1505	157	79	253	22	15	243
Memorial County, Alfred Schwartz, Monroe, Wash.	35	27	1505	54	489	1410	320	2600	100	100	1999
Newport (G. M. Hiebert, Route 2, Newport, Washington)	50	16	923	54	420	420	100	480	480	10310	10310
Second, W. Harley King, Paso Robles, California	132	42	5980	107	8370	1107	9870	1004	17893	4,060	1214
Alexanderwohl, Phil A. Wedel, Goessel, Kansas	964		12	925	350	350	1200	2109	638	571	2768
Arlington (P. R. Linschmidt, Beatrice, Nebraska)	38		4,2	5554	233	894	296	76	216	125	46,008
Beartrice, Elbert Koontz, Beartrice, Nebraska	186		12	20	71	114	76	2109	150	35	10653
**Bell (First), Fredonia, Henry Thiesse, Independence, Ks.	27		50	7627	274	532	170	1115	262	84	301
Bethany, Herbert E. Miller, Kingman, Kansas	150		29	14	500	455	751	140	21	25	10134
**Bethel, H. T. Neufeld, Route 5, Enid, Oklahoma	55		49	4,972	141	110	1586	39	80	63	1892
Bethel, Waldo Kaufman, Hydro, Oklahoma	302		107	1750	58	2049	835	2824	1149	373	5366
*Bethel, Peter T. Neufeld, Imman, Kansas	18		8	4,22	104	117	908	218	821	132	2176
Bethel, Wm (Jacob B. Wiebe, Perryton, Texas)	150		54,50	434	292	320	70	900	25	86	11556
Bethel College, Lester Hostetler, North Newton, Ks.	486		139	50	1564	446	1200	476	5980	110	828
Berghal, Henry Hege, Corn, Oklahoma	139		43	4,221	124	1221	353	1910	212	3347	12272
Berghal, J. B. Schmidt, Pawnee Rock, Kansas	188		18	147	684	180	1207	308	90	71	2413
Bruderthal, Arnold E. Funk, Hillsboro, Kansas	194		94	2710	107	2024	844	2916	693	622	1374
Buhler, Henry Fransen, Buhler, Kansas	358		130	4,721	1024	2056	356	1561	302	42	1081
Burton, Arnold A. Epp, Burton, Kansas	139		60	1810	128	189	1967	134	308	90	15645
Deer Creek, (A. H. Buhler, Mefford, Oklahoma)	113		30	1390	189	124	684	180	110	71	4633
Ebenezer, Walter D. Goosen, Gotebo, Oklahoma	40		18	147	684	180	1007	54	824	115	5585
Ebenfeld (A. E. Urmu, Montezuma, Kansas)	14									3	1412
Eden, G. B. Regier, Inola, Oklahoma	137		62	1007	154	489	1030	9023	614	13876	2567
Eden, Walter Gering, Moundridge, Kansas	797		200	6364	1030	458	325	12	180	60	1035
Einsiedel (E. E. Hirschler, Hanston, Kansas)	44		17								4,328
Emmanuel, German H. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas	110		30	3300	150	300	200	175	145	58	4,2644
Emmaus, John C. Kauffman, Whitewater, Kansas	362		166	4,400	292	4,270	311	16,929	409	385	15,240

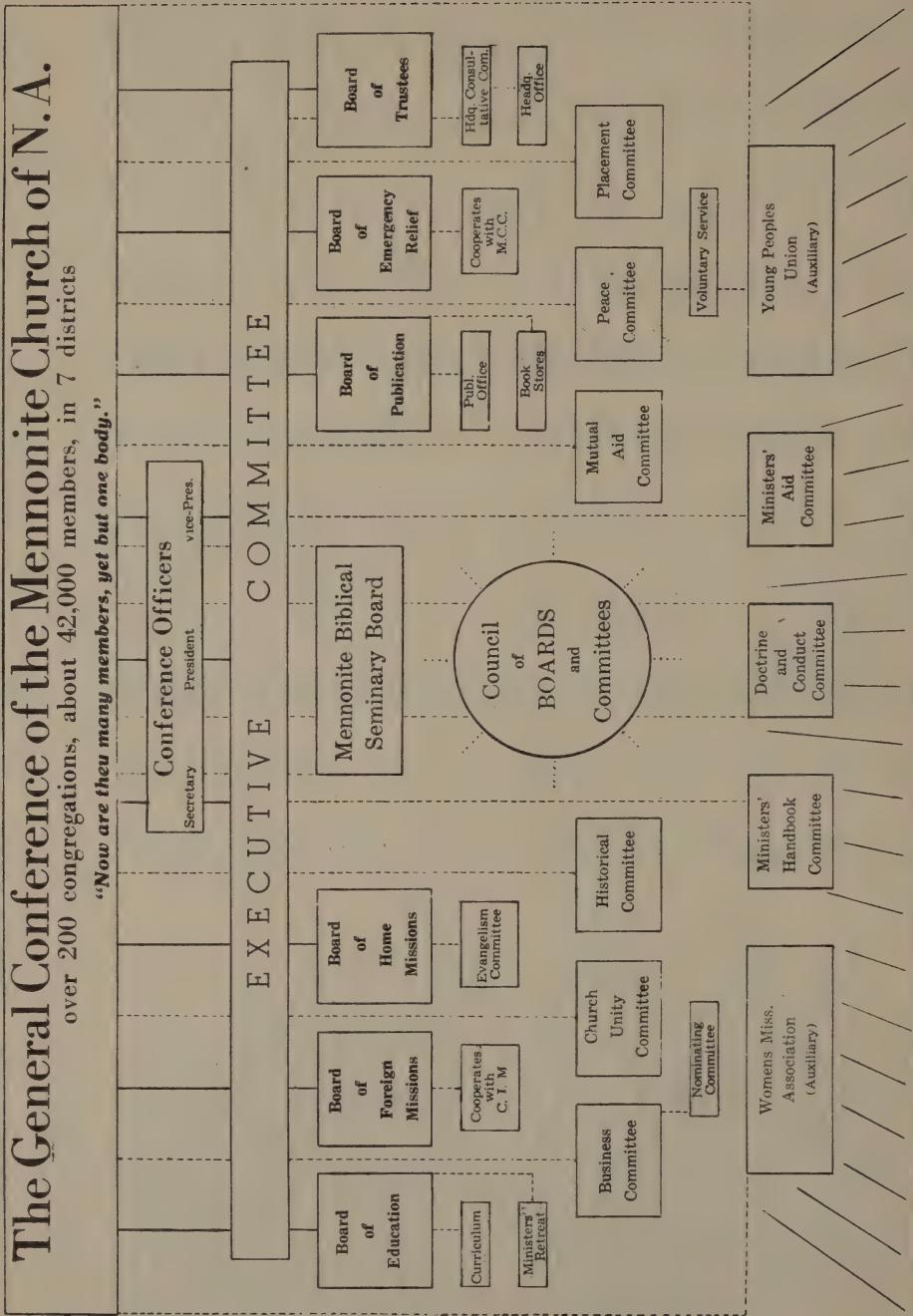
First, Jacob T. Friesen, Beatrice, Nebraska	339	106	2877	10668	296	16	67	3327	5537	2639
First, Henry W. Goossen, Burns, Kansas	47	36	1309	254	194	14	973	120	50	1737
First, Garry, Abe. H. Peters, North Newton, Kansas	70	24	1163	60	110	661	2600	110	250	304.9
First, (C. F.) Haury, Route 1, Halstead, Kansas)	204	96	2460	110	661	433	1506	1505	939	6924
First, H. T. Unruh, Hillsboro, Kansas	320	125	2516	1332	904	405	192	301	24	9107
First, Victor Sawatzky, Hutchinson, Kansas	181	90	3504	265	217	535	970	192	301	6008
*First, Roland Goering, McPherson, Kansas	43	18	12130	630	128	608	608	12	12	13308
First, D. J. Unruh, Newton, Kansas	709	292	7758	299	2362	337	4230	1262	393	336
First, P. P. Tschetter, Pretty Prairie, Kansas	590	270	5454	300	6138	900	15000	2000	800	410
First, (William Jaehle, Ransom, Kansas)	68	15	340	180	769	1852	338	29	105	1818
First of Christian, P. P. Wedel, Moundridge, Kansas	295	99	21662	598	1802	403	1925	799	1004	637
First of Garden Township, A. J. Dicks, Halstead, Kansas	184	70	1325	369	694	221	675	911	69	111
Friedenstaal, (P. M. Franz, Turpin, Oklahoma)	80	40	1770	48	279	213	3632	42	55	17387
Friedenstaal, Tampa (Harvey Jantz, RFD, Hillsboro, Ks.)	117	73	186	430	44	1200	523	12	76	32515
Gadenberg, Whitewater, J. J. Voth, North Newton, Kansas	149	71	1534	76	403	94	105	667	332	4145
Goesel, P. P. Buller, Newton, Kansas	309	75	3288	284	1500	117	1524	1249	147	2852
Grace, Ben Rahn, Enid, Oklahoma	62	35	1337	165	184	203	25	343	80	72
Greenfield, Carnegie, Rudolf Schmidt, Ft. Cobb, Okla.	81	40	480	200	2520	407	1860	764	4477	25
Hebron, Buhler, (A. M. Lohrentz, McPherson, Ks.)	220	75	2982	134	290	287	2306	534	216	236
Herold, Bessie, Paul Dahlberg, Cordell, Oklahoma	180	75	2982	134	50	153	153	200	335	105
Hoffmungsau, Frank P. Dyck, Cushtemooc, Chih., Mex.	29	20	7919	530	1177	490	3684	1010	707	692
Hoffmungsau, Albert Gaedert, Imman, Kansas	374	120	2644	15	128	80	210	114	10	531
Hoffmungsau, Gustav Frey, Canton, Kansas	94	25	3855	277	615	141	2568	770	287	1674.0
Imman, John E. Kaufman, Imman, Kansas	211	85	5315	366	901	387	3140	2424	201	4201
Johannestal, J. M. Riger, Hillsboro, Kansas	198	85	13401	65	83	371	69	538	45	1056.1
Kidron, Talgo (Francis Koehn, Helena, Oklahoma)	231	37	1227	112	575	3412	307	536	27	13201
Lehigh, B. H. Janzen, Lehigh, Kansas	210	92	606	552	575	310	310	279	65	1505.1
Lorraine Avenue, J. H. Langenwalter, Wichita, Ks.	32	22	1319	513	513	126	950	405	53	5834
*Meadow, Colby, W. C. Voth, Lorraine, Kansas	131	44	1434	180	8	360	137	10	50	2171
Medford, Albert G. Schmidt, Medford, Oklahoma	20	14	159	159	9	104	1612	76	443	332
Menoville, Henry Funck, El Reno, Oklahoma	14	4	2536	304	1761	391	774	114	26	10371
New Friedenbergs, (Eli Becker, Vona, Colorado)	136	226	226	12	125	261	261	13	56	94.1
New Hopedale, H. U. Schmidt, Manc, Oklahoma	328	19	1468	153	816	450	674	400	34	3783
Pleasant Valley, Kismet, Ks. (Harold Lamberton, Lyons, Okla.)	46	50	2110	526	200	154	590	266	60	2217
Saron, H. P. Fast, Orienta, Oklahoma	91	21	1277	1277	1277	126	405	412	170	634.9
Schar, Andrew Holliman, Cordell, Oklahoma	80	42	1262	109	507	104	4438	767	304	2096
Swiss, Theodore Roth, Whitewater, Kansas	125	42	12735	1262	787	290	1612	76	15	4184
Tabor, H. B. Schmidt, Weston, Kansas	395	228	2542	109	507	104	372.	83	448	16033
Walton, C. B. Friesen, Walton, Kansas	112	50	1468	368	163	54	86	78	66	3002
*West New Hopedale, (C. J. Thomas, Ringwood, Okla.)	58	25	3112	3112	3112	1372	400	2744	791	650
West Zion, W. F. Unruh, Moundridge, Kansas	203	88	1600	285	1480	360	6570	785	70	12230
Zion, H. J. Dyck, Elting, Kansas	129	70	1200	73	125	45	1140	910	50	2633
Zion, J. H. Epp, Kingman, Kansas	75	14	2919	927	927	969	969	969	1992	7915
Zear, J. W. Bergen, Goltry, Oklahoma	230	40								

*Member District Conference only
**Member General Conference only
***Member neither General nor District Conference

The General Conference of the Mennonite Church of N.A.

over 200 congregations, about 42,000 members, in 7 districts

"Now are they many members: yet but one body."



The Field Is the World

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“..... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the world, and I will give unto you power over every creature.....”

HOW THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKS

The General Conference of the Mennonite Church of North America is rightly regarded as a fellowship. It has more of the characteristics of a fellowship than of an organization. Our venerable fathers who in August, 1891, made application for a Charter used significant words, "We the undersigned...do voluntarily join ourselves together...." Drawn together by faith in a common Lord, they became convinced of the advantages of working together.

But, when over 42,000 members (over 60,000 souls when counting the children committed to our care) in over 200 churches are to work together, there must be some organization. Conference must delegate individuals in whom they place confidence to be responsible for certain duties. The missionaries must be assigned to certain fields of labor. Their support must be shared. Information about pressing needs must be told, if possible, to each of the 42,000 members, so that they may pray intelligently, go personally, and give sacrificially. We need some organization.

The Organization Chart, on the opposite page, is an attempt to show the various areas in which our church endeavor to serve. Will you notice, first of all, that each of the elected or appointed groups (whether boards, standing committees, temporary committees, or officers) are directly responsible to Conference itself. Vertical lines, both solid and broken, define responsibility.

On the average, Conference sessions are held only once every three years. Many decisions need to be made between sessions. Hence, the founders of General Conference provided for the creation of an Executive Committee which would represent Conference between sessions and coordinate the work of the boards and committees; call special sessions of Conference, if necessary; prepare and publish annual budgets; keep in touch with other Mennonite bodies in matters of our faith, and represent the Conference at Washington; approve limited obligations proposed to it by the boards; and send fraternal delegates to meetings of other Mennonite bodies.

The Executive Committee has nine members: the three Conference officers, and the chairmen of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Publication, Education, Emergency Relief, and Trustees. The Seminary Board is unique in that it serves the interests of both General and Central Conferences, each electing six and three members, respectively. With the affiliation of Central Conference it is possible that in the future we may have a more unified election procedure. The above mentioned seven boards are uniquely regarded as on the board level of responsibility.

Each of the boards appoint subcommittees or affiliate with other bodies in the carrying out of their tasks.

The six committees (Business, Church Unity, Historical, Mutual Aid, Peace, and Placement) shown immediately below the boards on the chart, are regarded as standing committees. On these committees, like on the boards, members are generally elected or appointed for nine years, one-third of the members being elected or appointed at the time of Conference. Temporary committees, such as Ministers' Aid, Ministers' Handbook, and Doctrine and Conduct, either serve only for three year terms or until the particular assignment has been completed.

The Women's Missionary Association and the Young People's Union are our two auxiliary organizations promoting the work of the Conference in their two respective groups.

Annually, all of the boards and committees meet jointly to consider our Conference effort as a whole. In these joint sessions, usually held in the evenings, brief reports are given and budgets are adopted. The presidents of district conferences are invited to these sessions. We are glad for the way our forefathers joined themselves together in the work of the Lord. We wish to continue the organization they founded in a fair and brotherly manner.



1947 COUNCIL OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Second Annual Union Meeting of the Council of Boards and Committees of the General Conference met at the First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, February 11 to 13, 1947, to again review the work of the Conference as a total effort. The above picture was taken on February 12, during the evening meal. Immediately following this period of fellowship about the tables, brief (five minute) reports were given by each of the boards and committees.

As a part of these reports each cooperating group, including the auxiliary organizations, submitted budgets for the current year totaling over \$735,000. Individuals and churches may wish to regard the following as a picture of the actual minimum needs of the various phases of Conference work. The right hand column gives the approximate percentage of the total asked by each of the groups.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 1947

Emergency Relief	\$298,300 ¹	or about 40%
Foreign Missions	235,000	or about 32%
Biblical Seminary	90,000 ²	or about 12%
Home Missions	40,000	or about 5%
Education	30,000 ³	or about 4%
Peace	20,000	or about 3%
Publication	12,000	or about 2%
Young People's Union	3,200	
Women's Missionary Association .	2,300	
Mutual Aid	2,000	
General Conference Treasury . .	2,000 ⁴	about 2%
Doctrine and Conduct	1,000	
Placement	500	
Church Unity	100	

¹Includes \$200,000 for General Relief
\$ 90,000 for Refugee Resettlement

²Includes \$ 40,000 for Current Expenses
\$ 50,000 for Building Needs

³Includes \$ 18,000 for CPS Tuition Aid
\$ 5,000 for Foreign Student Fund

⁴Includes expenses connected with Conference sessions, the printing of Conference Minutes, and such other expenses as cannot properly be paid out of other treasuries.

--Walter H. Dyck, Secretary

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

1945-46 Contributions of Missionary Society by Districts

	Eastern	Middle	Northern	Western	Pacific	Total
Number of Societies Reporting	27	23	23	82	24	192 societies 179 reporting
Societies using Committee Literature	7	9	7	19	5	47
Number of Books in Library	7	12	16	130	42	207
Societies contributing to Pension Fund	16	14	14	41	18	103
Societies contributing to Migrant Fund	0	2	7	18	6	33
Estimate Pounds sent to Mission Stations	366	508	330	1114	117	2435
S.S. Supplies, Pounds, for Mission Workers	27	49	28	98	9	211
Linen Supplies, Pounds, for C.P.S.	21	53	77	97	14 and 102 articles	262
C.P.S. Camp Packs sent	0	1	1	18	5	25
Food Quarts canned for C.P.S.	954	3383	6992	10727	3493	25549
Food Pounds dried for C.P.S.	56	12	47	117	270 to Montana Mission	---
Clothing Pounds for European Relief	9490	13546	13519	30304	9808	76667
Soap Pounds for Relief	485	---	404	2203	---	---
Food Quarts canned, European Relief	---	2051	2920	23922	---	---
Food Quarts canned for Christian Institutions	757	806	---	---	records incomplete	

The European Relief was, in most instances, considered a church project, but reported in many instances through the women's organizations. Besides the above, there were Christmas boxes sent, also lard, fats, commercial foods and so forth.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES, JULY 1, 1945 TO JUNE 30, 1946

Sent to the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Association

Financial--totals for all purposes

In the United States:

July	\$3,418.20	January	\$3,067.55	Canadian contributions are
August	2,695.23	February	1,358.58	sent to Mr. D. W. Friesen,
September	1,958.10	March	1,633.62	Altona, Manitoba, Canada.
October	1,954.35	April	2,146.54	
November	5,398.63	May	2,357.19	
December	9,115.73	June	6,442.88	
		Total	\$41,546.60; Total for 1944-45 was \$34,544.92.	

Total Contributions for All Purposes (including local) as Reported by Societies, 1945-46

District	Society	Contribution of:	Over \$500	Over \$1000	Over \$2000	District Total
Eastern District	Zion, Souderton, Pennsylvania		496.00			4,985.37
Middle District	Berne Int. Mission Band		538.31			7,623.59
	W.M.S., Grace, Pandora		760.75			
	W.M.S., Berne, Indiana				2,398.05	
Northern District		6 societies				13,960.55
	Bethesda Young Women's M.S., Henderson, Nebraska		1,416.76			
	Bethel M.S., Mountain Lake, Minnesota		1,070.11			
	Bethlehem, Bloomfield, Montana				2,765.38	
Western District		19 societies				37,000.00
	Brudertal, Hillsboro, Kansas, Mary Martha Society				2,471.85	
	Eden, Moundridge, Kansas				2,085.22	
	Johannestal, Hillsboro, Kansas		1,354.74			
	Pretty Prairie, Kansas		1,080.09			
	W.M.A., Walton, Kansas		1,166.30			
	West Zion, Moundridge, Kansas, Mission Workers				2,309.24	
Pacific District		4 societies				11,757.68
	Aberdeen, Idaho, King's Daughters		1,260.18			
	First, Colfax, Washington		1,048.75			
	Reedley, California, Worthwhile Circle		1,217.72			
	Grace, Dallas, Oregon		1,673.76			
	Totals, 5 districts	32 societies	9 societies	5 societies		\$75,327.19

Compiled by: Mrs. Wm. G. Voth
Secretary, W.M.A.

**MINISTERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE
CANADIAN DISTRICT**

Alberta

Adrian, Leonard, Rosemary
 Boese, David, Tofield
 Dueck, Franz W., Coaldale
 Dyck, P. P., Rosemary
 Dyck, Peter W., Rosemary
 Dyck, William, Coaldale
 Ens, Abram G., Coaldale
 Epp, Abram C., Tofield
 Epp, Peter P., Hussar
 Franz, Gerhard, Tofield
 Friesen, Peter A., Coaldale
 Froese, Peter, Ryley
 Heidebrecht, Abram D., Tofield
 Heidebrecht, David A., Tofield
 Janzen, Daniel, Gem
 Janzen, David P., Pincher Creek
 Janzen, Franz, Box 402, Vauxhall
 Janzen, Heinrich H., Rosemary
 Janzen, Klaas, Coaldale
 Klassen, Jacob A., Rosemary
 Koop, Abram, Springridge
 Neufeld, C. G., Route 2, Didsbury
 Neufeld, D. P., Rosemary
 Neufeld, Gerhardt, Grantham
 Neufeld, H. H., Countess
 Neufeld, J. G., Didsbury
 Neufeld, J. H., Gem
 Neufeld, John, Tofield
 Neufeld, P. A., Didsbury
 Nickel, Jacob D., Rosemary
 Paetkau, Abram, Gem
 Pauls, Wilhelm, Didsbury
 Penner, John P., Rosemary
 Regehr, David, Tofield
 Regehr, Peter, Tofield
 Sawatzky, John J., 2115-14 H St., S. W., Calgary
 Schellenberg, Peter P., Bix 113, Coaldale
 Vogt, John P., Coaldale

British Columbia

Adrian, John D., Sardis
 Baerg, Jacob J., County Line
 Block, Abram J., Sardis
 Born, Peter J., Oliver
 Duerksen, David J., 1768 E. 36th St., Vancouver
 Dueck, H. H., County Line
 Epp, Heinrich M., Mt. Lehman
 Friesen, Bernhard B., 427 E. 46th Avenue, Vancouver
 Friesen, Nikolai N., Black Creek
 Goertz, Johan, 527 E. 56th Avenue, Vancouver
 Harms, Isaac, Sardis
 Harms, John J., Route 1, Oliver
 Hausknecht, David, Sardis
 Janzen, Aron J., Coghlan
 Klassen, John J., 1099 Central Road, Yarrow
 Loewen, A. I., Abbotsford
 Loewen, Gerhard D., Sardis
 Martens, W. G., Sardis
 Nickel, Jacob W., (Student at Bethel College)
 Penner, P. P., Abbotsford
 Peters, Gerhard, Sardis
 Regier, John, Coghlan
 Rempel, W. L., Abbotsford
 Siemens, Jacob D., 536 E. 54th Avenue, Vancouver
 Tilitzky, Cornelius G., Abbotsford
 Warkentin, Abram, Sardis
 Wiens, Jacob B., 595 E. 46th Avenue, Vancouver

Manitoba

Abrahams, David, Headingley
 Becker, H. J., Marquette
 Bergen, Abram G., Winnipegosis
 Bock, Gerhard, Crystal City
 Born, Heinrich, Altona
 Born, Jacob P., Whitewater
 Braum, Johann J., Nierville
 Bueckert, Abram P., Plum Coulee
 Bueckert, John P., Villafre Schoenwiese, R. R. 1-5,
 Gretna
 Buhr, Wilh. S., Morden
 Driediger, John A., Marquette
 Enns, Heinrich G., Winkler
 Enns, Johann H., 392 Alexander Avenue, Winnipeg

THE FIRST MINISTERS RETREAT

The First General Conference Retreat for ministers and their wives, for missionaries, and other full-time Christian workers (pictured on the front of this handbook) was held August 29 to September 5, Spirit Lake, Iowa. A total of 100 attended this first Ministers Retreat.



Occupants of "Shuttle Inn," a leaders cabin, pose for a snap shot. (Seated) Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Kreider, Goshen, Indiana; Rev. Don. E. Smucker, Princeton, New Jersey; (Standing) Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Pannabecker, Chicago, Illinois; and Rev. John Wichert, Vineland, Ontario, Canada.

The second General Conference Retreat for ministers and missionaries is planned for the five day period, August 15 to 19, 1947, just preceding the 31st Session of General Conference, to be held between August 20 and 27, at Berne, Indiana.

Enns, Johann J., Box 35, Gruenthal
 Enns, Wilhelm H., Springstein
 Epp, John, Lowe Farm
 Ewert, Benjamin, 286 River Avenue, Ste. 23, Winnipeg
 Fast, David J., Chortitz
 Fehr, Peter, Elm Creek
 Friesen, Henry J., St. Elizabeth
 Friesen, Harry S., Winkler
 Friesen, Is. I., 864 Downing Street, Winnipeg
 Friesen, John C., Glenlea
 Froese, Abe H., Barkfield
 Funk, Jacob J., Steinbach
 Heinrichs, John P., Rosenfeld
 Heinrichs, Peter J., Box 28, St. Elizabeth
 Heinrichs, Peter P., Lowe Farm
 Heinrichs, Wilhelm P., Gruenthal
 Hoepner, Jacob N., Altona
 Hooge, John J., Plum Coulee
 Isaak, Abram J., Rivers
 Janzen, C. C., Box 58, Winnipegosis
 Janzen, John H., Morden
 Kehler, Peter P., Altona
 Klassen, David, Culross
 Klassen, David D., Homewood
 Klassen, David D., Steinbach
 Klassen, Is. P., North Kildonan
 Klassen, Jacob H., Gretna
 Klassen, Jacob J., Gretna

Klassen, Jacob J., Box 108, Niverville
 Klassen, Jacob K., Gretna
 Klassen, John P., Winnipeg
 Krahn, Cornelius B., Winkler
 Leopppky, John D., Rosenfeld
 Loewen, Daniel J., North Kildonan
 Loewen, David H., Altona
 Loewen, Jacob, Arden
 Loewen, Jacob J., Gretna
 Loewen, Peter J., Steinbach
 Lohrenz, Gerhard, Springstein
 Neufeld, Abram G., Margaret
 Neufeld, Gerhard G., Boisewain
 Neufeld, Gerhard G., Whitewater
 Neufeld, G. G., Manitou
 Pankratz, Jacob, Glenlea
 Pauls, Jacob M., Morden
 Peters, Cornelius G., New Bathwell
 Peters, Jacob D., Lena
 Peters, Wilh. J., Winkler
 Peters, Wilh., J., Steinbach
 Poettker, John, Arnaud
 Reimer, Peter J., Box 59, Steinbach
 Rempel, Peter A., Altona
 Rogalsky, John J., Glenlea
 Sawatzky, F. F., Plum Coulee
 Schaefer, Paul J., Gretna
 Schmidt, Jacob W., Gretna
 Schroeder, Victor J., North Kildonan
 Schulz, David, Altona
 Schulz, Jacob J., 507 Elgin Avenue, Winnipeg
 Siemens, Jacob J., Winkler
 Techroeb, A. A., Myrtle
 Tiessen, Isaac, Griswold
 Toews, Jacob J., Glenlea
 Voth, Jacob, Meadows
 Warkentin, Abram, Dominion City
 Warkentin, Heinrich A., Gruenthal
 Warkentin, Isaac, Giroux
 Warkentin, Jacob, Headingly
 Wiebe, Jacob, Morris

Ontario

Braun, Jacob J., Waterloo
 Claessen, H. Albert, 35 Hastings Avenue, Toronto
 Dirks, Peter H., Niagara-on-the-Lake
 Driediger, Jacob N., Leamington
 Driediger, Nik. N., Route 1, Leamington
 Dyck, Jacob A., Leamington
 Epp, Abram H., Virgil
 Epp, Jacob J., Leamington
 Fransen, Nick, Jordan
 Harder, Abram H., Beamsville
 Janzen, Jacob D., Wheatley
 Janzen, Jacob H., 164 West Erb St., Waterloo
 Kroeker, Peter P., Niagara-on-the-Lake
 Lepp, Herman P., Harrow
 Neufeld, Cornelius K., Route 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake
 Peters, A. H., Vineland
 Reimer, John, Port Rowan
 Rempel, Abram Is., Leafington
 Shellenberg, W. J., 71 Yale Avenue, St. Catherines
 Schmidt, Nik. H., Blytheswood
 Thiessen, C. H., Leamington
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Saskatchewan

Andres, B. J., Petaigan
 Bartel, Edwin S., Drake
 Bergen, Abr. H., Blumenhof
 Bergen, Peter, Capasin
 Block, Abram J., Waldheim
 Block, John A., Waldheim
 Boldt, Cornelius C., Hague
 Boschman, Cornelius C., Petaigan
 Bueckert, David, Eyebrow
 Bueckert, Franz F., Moose Jaw
 Dirks, Charley, Colette
 Dueck, Johann, Rosthern
 Duersken, Isaac A., Teddington
 Dyck, Franz P., Main Centre
 Dyck, Hans, Swift Current
 Dyck, H. A., Waldheim
 Dyck, Isaac, Wingard
 Elias, Gerhard, Barnes Crossing
 Ens, Cornelius N., Teddington
 Ens, Franz, Mayfair

Enns, Jacob H., Teddington
 Epp, Franz F., Hanley
 Epp, Gerhard G., Rosthern
 Epp, Isaac, Barnes Crossing
 Epp, Isaac, Prince Albert
 Epp, Peter G., Carrot River
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 Fedrau, Johann, Hague
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 Friesen, Is. P., 1102 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon
 Friesen, J. J. M., Reinland
 Friesen, Johann J., Leroy
 Friesen, John R., Laird
 Friesen, Peter P., Four Corners
 Friesen, Richard C., Carrot River
 Gerbrandt, Jacob, Drake
 Heinrichs, Jacob, Drake
 Janzen, J. J., Box 13, Glenbush
 Janzen, J. J., Rabbit Lake
 Janzen, Johann H., Hague
 Janzen, Willie F., Duck Lake
 Klassen, Heinrich T., Rabbit Lake
 Klaassen, Heinrich T., Laird
 Klassen, Jacob, Laird
 Klassen, Peter J., Superb
 Koop, Peter, Aberdeen
 Kroeker, Klaas D., Wingard
 Loewen, John P., (Student at Bethel College)
 Martens, Abram A., Glenbush
 Mathies, Cornelius C., Rabbit Lake
 Neudorf, Henry, Aberdeen
 Nickel, Jacob J., Langham
 Nickel, John J., Main Centre
 Nickel, Val E., Box 95, Wymark
 Pauls, Arthur, Laird
 Pauls, Jacob, Osler
 Penner, H. H., Herschel
 Penner, Is. I., Laird
 Penner, Jacob P., Rosthern
 Peters, Jacob H., Box 130
 Plenert, Peter H., Rabbit Lake
 Plett, Heinrich G., Herschel
 Quiring, David, Swift Current
 Rempel, Bernhard D., Box 1109, Swift Current
 Rempel, David H., Hague
 Rempel, John G., Rosthern
 Sawatzky, Cornelius F., Laird
 Schmidt, J. C., Rosthern
 Schellenberg, Jacob, Hanley
 Schroeder, Heinrich, Clavet
 Schroeder, Paul, Drake
 Thiessen, Jacob J., 443 Third Avenue North, Saskatoon
 Thiessen, Julius H., Duck Lake
 Thiessen, Martin, Fitzmaurice
 Toews, Benno (teaching in Freeman Junior College)
 Toews, David, Rosthern
 Voth, John H., Capasin
 Vogt, Peter, Ratner
 Warkentin, Abram, Watrous
 Warkentin, Cornelius J., Box 65, Herschel
 Warkentin, Gerhard, Dundurn
 Warkentin, P. A., Superb
 Wiebe, Herman J., Madison
 Wiens, Is. H., Box 6, Herbet
 Wiens, Gerhard B., Herschel
 Wiens, John J., Trossachs
 Wiens, W. J., Dundurn
 Zacharias, Gerhard, Clavet
 Zacharias, John L., Waldheim

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Amstutz, L. R., Tiskilwa, Illinois
 Esch, Benjamin, 204 Catherine St., Washington, Illinois
 Gundy, George I., Meadows, Illinois
 Hartzler, Robert, 605 South Seventh, Goshen, Indiana
 Kreider, A. E., Route 2, Goshen, Indiana (On 1 years
 furlough for M. C. C.)
 Nunnemaker, H. E., Goshen, Indiana
 Regier, Alvin J., Middlebury, Indiana
 Roszart, Herbert, 1420 M St., Aurora, Nebraska
 Schertz, Dale, Remington, Indiana
 Shelly, Maynard, Hopedale, Illinois
 Shelly, Wilmer, Topeka, Indiana
 Troyer, Lotus, Carlock, Illinois
 Ulrich, Emanuel, El Paso, Illinois
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 Unzieker, Roy, Foosland, Illinois
 Weaver, William B., Danvers, Illinois

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Dick, Walter J., 2944 N. Franklin, Philadelphia 33, Pennsylvania
 Ewert, Wesley, Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut
 Fretz, J. Herbert, Bedminster, Pennsylvania
 Graber, Ellis, 203 East Broad Street, Souderton, Pennsylvania
 Graybill, Benjamin S., Richfield, Pennsylvania
 Gregor, George D., Schellsburg, Pennsylvania
 Hess, Elmer D., 547 West Walnut, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 Johnson, Elmer E. S., Hereford, Pennsylvania
 McDowell, Walter H., Route 2, Quarryville, Pennsylvania
 Miller, David, Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania
 Neuenchwander, A. J., 724 Juniper Street, Quakertown, Pennsylvania
 Nyce, Howard G., 1528 Chew Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
 Plenert, J. J., 121 Towamencin Avenue, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
 Raugh, John S., East Freedom, Pennsylvania
 Schultz, A. H., 118 South Seventh Street, Quakertown, Pennsylvania
 Shelly, Andrew, 57 Stirling Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
 Smucker, Donovan E., 110 Stockton Street, Princeton, New Jersey
 Stoneback, G. S., Box 126, Fairfield, Pennsylvania
 Stubbs, Raymond V., Bowmansville, Pennsylvania
 Swartz, Freeman H., 507 Hamilton Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania

MIDDLE DISTRICT

Albrecht, Erwin A., Fortuna, Missouri
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 Krehbiel, Olin, 566 West Main, Berne, Indiana
 Landes, Howard T., 222 Grove Street, Bluffton, Ohio
 Leaman, A. H., 4216 Greenview Avenue, Chicago 18, Illinois
 Lehman, Sylvan, 900 Albert Street, Lima, Ohio
 Mast, Russell, 142 Beck Street, Wadsworth, Ohio
 Mullett, E. S., Wayland, Iowa
 Neufeld, John T., 4215 South Rockwell, Chicago, Illinois
 Regier, Walter H., Route 2, Wayland, Iowa
 Rosenberger, A. S., Box 57, Dalton, Ohio
 Smucker, J. N., Bluffton, Ohio
 Sommer, E. A., Pulaski, Iowa
 Stauffer, William H., Sugarcreek, Ohio

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Claassen, Willard K., Freeman, South Dakota
 Dick, George G., Bloomfield, Montana
 Dick, Isaac J., Mountain Lake, Minnesota
 Duerkosen, Edward, Avon, South Dakota
 Ewert, Albert, Wolf Point, Montana
 Flickinger, Waldo J., Alsen, North Dakota
 Friesen, Abraham W., Henderson, Nebraska
 Graber, Victor, Delft, Minnesota
 Hofer, Jacob B., Dolton, South Dakota
 Hofer, Joseph J., Route 2, Carpenter, South Dakota
 Hofer, Michael J., Bridgewater, South Dakota
 Hoffman, Jacob L., Frazer, Montana
 Hoffman, George L., Langdon, North Dakota
 Lehman, M. M., Butterfield, Minnesota
 Loewen, Frank W., Doland, South Dakota
 Mierau, Hugo J., Freeman, South Dakota
 Ortmann, Arthur, Warroad, Minnesota
 Ortmann, Hellmuth, Munich, North Dakota
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 Regier, Alfred, 1154 Frank Street, S. E., Huron, South Dakota
 Regier, Jacob J., Freeman, South Dakota
 Rupp, H. H., Westbrook, Minnesota
 Stahl, Peter J., Freeman, South Dakota
 Tieszen, J. A., Marion, South Dakota
 Tschetter, Paul, Butterfield, Minnesota

Unruh, John G., Madrid, Nebraska
 Waltner, Alfred P., Route 2, Marion, South Dakota
 Waltner, Erland, Mountain Lake, Minnesota

PACIFIC DISTRICT

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 Regier, P. K., Box 111, Reedley, California
 Regier, Wilbert A., Route 6, Box 411-R, Pratum, Ore.
 Roth, Paul N., Route 2, Box 225, Canby, Oregon
 Salzman, Earl, 382 North Sixth Avenue, Upland, California
 Schwartz, Alfred, Route 22, Monroe, Washington
 Unruh, P. D., Route 3, Colfax, Washington

WESTERN DISTRICT

Bergen, J. W., Goltry, Oklahoma
 Buller, P. P., 812 Logan Street, Newton, Kansas
 Dahlenburg, Paul, Cordell, Oklahoma
 Dirks, A. J., Halstead, Kansas
 Dyck, A. J., Inman, Kansas
 Dyck, Frank P., Apartado No. 123, Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico
 Dyck, H. J., Elbing, Kansas
 Epp, Arnold A., Burton, Kansas
 Epp, J. H., Kingman, Kansas
 Fast, H. P., Orienta, Oklahoma
 Fransen, Henry, Buhler, Kansas
 Frey, Gustav, Route 1, Canton, Kansas
 Friesen, C. B., Walton, Kansas
 Funk, Henry, Route 3, El Reno, Oklahoma
 Funk, Arnold E., Hillsboro, Kansas
 Gaedert, Albert, Route 4, Inman, Kansas
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 Hege, Henry, Corn, Oklahoma
 Holliman, Andrew, Cordell, Oklahoma
 Hostetler, Lester, North Newton, Kansas
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 Miller, Herbert E., 301 Avenue G, East, Kingman, Kansas
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 Regier, J. M., Hillsboro, Kansas
 Richert, P. H., Route 2, Newton, Kansas
 Roth, Theodore, Whitewater, Kansas
 Sawatzky, Victor, 725 East Seventh Street, Hutchinson, Kansas
 Schmidt, Albert G., Medford, Oklahoma
 Schmidt, H. B., Route 2, Newton, Kansas
 Schmidt, H. U., Box 118, Meno, Oklahoma
 Schmidt, J. B., Box 205, Pawnee Rock, Kansas
 Schmidt, Rudolph, Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma
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 Unruh, Daniel J., 330 East Fourth, Newton, Kansas
 Unruh, H. T., Hillsboro, Kansas
 Unruh, Wm. F., Moundridge, Kansas
 Voth, J. J., North Newton, Kansas
 Voth, W. C., Lorraine, Kansas
 Wedel, Garman H., Moundridge, Kansas

Wedel, P. P., Moundridge, Kansas
 Wedel, Phil. A., Box D, Goessel, Kansas

MINISTERS THAT HAVE NO REGULAR CHARGE

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 Augsburger, Emanuel, Chenoa, Illinois
 Augsburger, William, Van Orin, Illinois
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 Banman, J. J., 115 East 10th, Newton, Kansas
 Baumau, Irwin W., Bluffton, Ohio
 Beachy, Alvin J., Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.
 Bechtal, A. S., Summerfield, Illinois
 Boehr, P. J., 14th and Walnut, Winona Lake, Indiana
 Boehr, John W., 1515 South 10th, Omaha 8, Nebraska
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 Eitzel, David P., Mountain Lake, Minnesota
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 Epp, John D., Henderson, Nebraska
 Epp, John F., Henderson, Nebraska
 Epp, Theodore, Box 233, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Esau, J. J., Bluffton, Ohio
 Ewert, August, Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska
 Ewert, D. C., Inman, Kansas
 Ewert, J. A., Hillsboro, Kansas
 Fast, H. A., North Newton, Kansas
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 Frey, J. B., Cornville, Arizona
 Friesen, Adolph, 823 W. 5th, Newton, Kansas
 Friesen, Arthur, Canton, Oklahoma
 Friesen, Gerhard, 700 E. Broadway, Newton, Kansas
 Friesen, Jacob A., Avon, South Dakota
 Friesen, Jacob T., 235 East 49th, New York 17, N. Y.
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 Goering, Peter J., Linn, Kansas
 Goertz, Peter S., North Newton, Kansas
 Gross, Harold H., Freeman, South Dakota
 Harder, B. W., Whitewater, Kansas
 Harder, D. D., Mountain Lake, Minnesota
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 Hass, Jacob, Pandora, Ohio
 Hege, C., Paso Robles, California
 Hendricks, Melvin, Kappa, Illinois
 Hess, Dillman B., P. O. Box 87, Winton, California
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 Hostetler, Ernest, Hopedale, Illinois
 Jantzen, F. F., Paso Robles, California
 Jantzen, H. P., 428 East First St., Newton, Kansas
 Janzen, J. M., Hesston, Kansas
 Kaiser, R. A., Greenwich, Ohio
 Kaufman, E. G., North Newton, Kansas
 Kleinsasser, J. W., Huron, South Dakota
 Kleinsasser, P. P., Freeman, South Dakota
 Kreft, Paul, Chicago, Illinois
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 Musser, Forrest, Rockville, Connecticut
 Nachtigal, Peter, Reedley, California
 Neuenschwander, E. J., Berne, Indiana
 Neufeld, Gerhard H., Meno, Oklahoma
 Neufeldt, H. T., Route 5, Enid, Oklahoma
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MENNONITE BRANCHES—THEIR LEADERS AND OFFICIAL ORGANS

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1. Brethren in Christ; Bishop Charlie Byers, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; H. G. Brubaker, Upland, California; Evangelical Visitor Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana; **Evangelical Visitor;** Jesse W. Hoover.

2. Church of God in Christ Mennonite; Frank H. Wenger, Moundridge, Kansas; P. G. Hiebert, Hillsboro, Kansas; Messenger of Truth, Goltry, Oklahoma; **Messenger of Truth;** Ruben Koehn, Goltry, Oklahoma; **Echoes from Home,** P. G. Hiebert, Hillsboro, Kansas; **Childrens Echoes,** Aaron Toews, Morras, Manitoba, Canada; Botschafter, Jacob T. Wiebe, St. Anne, Manitoba, Canada.

3. Conference of the Defenseless Mennonite Church of North America; Reuben D. Short, Archbold, Ohio; Maurice L. Klopfenstein, Grabill, Indiana; Annual Conference Report of the Defenseless Mennonite Conference, 634 W. Wayne St., Ft. Wayne, Indiana; **Zions Tidings,** E. G. Steiner, 1621 N. 13th St., Lafayette, Indiana.

4. Conference of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church of North America; J. J. Kleinsasser, Dinuba, California; I. C. Willems, Inman, Kansas; Conference Headquarters, Hillsboro, Kansas; **The Christian Witness,** A. L. Friesen, Inman, Kansas; **Der Wahrheitsfreund,** W. W. Harms, Hillsboro, Kansas.

5. Conservative Amish Mennonite; Emanuel Swartzendruber, Pigeon, Michigan; Raymond Byler, Pigeon, Michigan; Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pennsylvania; **Harold der Wehrheit;** J. B. Miller, Evan J. Miller, L. A. Miller, Raymond Wagler.

6. Evangelical Mennonite Brethren; J. N. Wall, Dallas, Oregon; Averno Rempel, Stein-

bach, Manitoba, Canada; Conference Headquarters, Mountain Lake, Minnesota; **Gospel Tidings,** H. F. Epp, Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

7. General Conference of the Mennonite Church of North America; J. N. Smucker, Bluffton, Ohio; Walter H. Dyck, 722 Main, Newton, Kansas; General Conference Headquarters, 722 Main, Newton, Kansas; **The Mennonite,** Reynold Weinbrenner, 722 Main, Newton, Kansas; **The Bundesbote,** Mrs. H. J. Andres, 700 E. 5th, Newton, Kansas.

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9. Huron Hutterian Mutual Society; Jacob P. Wollmann, Huron, South Dakota; Mike J. Waldner, Huron, South Dakota; Joseph Kleinsasser, Milltown Colony, Benaad, Manitoba, Canada.

10. Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Indiana Conference; W. E. Manges, 701 Wolf Ave., Elkhart, Indiana; Kenneth Geiger, 502 E. Washington, Goshen, Indiana; Bethel Publishing Company, 1819 S. Main, Elkhart, Indiana; **Gospel Banner,** R. P. Pannabecker, 1819 S. Main, Elkhart, Indiana; **Missionary Banner,** R. P. Ditmer, 506 S. Arlington Ave., Springfield, Ohio.

11. Mennonite Church; Allen H. Erb, 918 Lincoln Avenue, La Junta, Colorado; Amos O. Hostettler, Route 1, Topeka, Indiana; Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pennsylvania; **Gospel Herald,** Scottdale, Pennsylvania; **Christian Monitor,** Youth's Christian Companion, Words of Cheer, Beams of Light; Paul Erb, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, John L. Horst, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, Clayton F. Yake, Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

12. Missionary Church Association; J. A. Ringenberg, 3820 S. Wayne Avenue, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana; B. F. Leightner, 3820 S. Wayne, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana; Conference Headquarters, 3820 S. Wayne, Fort Wayne 6, Indiana; **The Missionary Worker,** H. L.

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13. Old Order Amish Mennonite; No president or secretary; Almanac, J. A. Rober, Baltio, Ohio, and L. A. Miller, Arthur, Illinois, Editors; Herold der Wahrheit, Levi A. Miller, Arthur, Illinois, German Editor; J. B. Miller, Grantsville, Maryland, English Editor.

14. Reformed Mennonite Church; Bishops: Jacob L. Kreider, 44 Cottage Ave., Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Jos. W. Byers, R. D. 3, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Wm. J. Rupp, R. D. 1, Archbold, Ohio; Eli B. Near, 314 Pint St., Shelby, Michigan; Harvey Campp, R. D. 2, Baden, Ontario, Canada.

15. Stauffer Mennonites; Bishop: Jacob S. Stauffer, R. F. D. 3, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; Secretary: Pharas Shaub, R. F. D. 3, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

16. United Zion's Church; P. N. Gress, Reinholds, Pennsylvania; Wesley P. Martin, Akron, Pennsylvania; Headquarters: Allen Tennis, United Zion's Home, Lititz, Pennsylvania; Zion's Herald, Stanley R. Long, 24 E. Summit, Annville, Pennsylvania, Editor; Elbert N. Smith, Route 1, Jonestown, Pennsylvania, Associate Editor.

17. Weaver Mennonites; Bishop: John A. Weaver, R. F. D. 1, Box 300, New Holland, Pennsylvania.

18. Wisler Mennonites; William Ramer, Goshen, Indiana; Moses Horsh, Seville, Ohio.

REPORT OF BETHEL COLLEGE, 1945-46

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." (Ps. 71:1) These words of the singer of old express our sentiments as we look back upon the school year, 1945-46. It was a difficult year, but the Lord was an ever present guide and helper. We look to Him and the many friends of Bethel College with sincere appreciation and deep gratitude.

Students. During the last school year we were still largely operating under war conditions. Our student body was therefore comparatively small and our faculty was still reduced. For the current year there has been a very marked increase. In 1945-46, includ-

ing summer school, our total enrollment was 429 of whom 153 were non-college music or Academy students. In college we had 92 men and 183 women, or a total of 275. For the current year, 1946-47, as of October 15, we have a total of 497 students, of which 115 are non-college music students. Of the 382 college students, 216 are men and 166 are women. One hundred twenty-five men are dischargees from government service, 67 from C. P. S. and 58 others. On college level we have 20 Canadian, 7 European, 2 Puerto Rican, 36 ministerial, 47 married, and 66 non-Mennonite students.

Faculty. During recent years it has been very difficult to secure properly qualified personnel both on the faculty and other workers on the college staff, such as secretaries, janitors, etc. Much credit is due to all the Bethel College faculty and staff members continuing with the school for their faithful, efficient, and sacrificial service.

The Educational Program. (a) C. P. S. Educational Credit. During the year much time has been given to C. P. S. education. The Mennonite Central Committee, together with the Council of Mennonite and Affiliated Colleges, early saw the need of setting up some criteria by which work done by C. P. S. men could be evaluated for credit. An appointed Evaluation Committee held a number of meetings in Chicago, at Bluffton, and at Freeman. This program entails a great deal of extra work, but it has proved a great help in systematically and reasonably disposing of the whole problem of credit for C. P. S. educational experience.

(b) Graduate Record Examination. During the year the faculty also has gone on record as favoring the use of the Graduate Record Examinations for our students before they graduate. In order to evaluate these examinations, a good share of the faculty undertook to take the examinations themselves under the same conditions that students would normally take them. Others were privileged to examine these tests and could thus get an idea as to the nature and quality of them. As a result of these tests the faculty voted to make them an integral part of our college program. It is a matter of interest, too, that the Graduate Record Examina-

tion Office in New York selected Bethel College as an examination center for this section of the state. Twice these examinations have been held here, last April and again in August, and students from other schools came here to take these tests.

(c) The Core Curriculum. One of the outstanding events of the year was the inauguration of the core curriculum stimulated by the work shop of the North Central Association in Minneapolis for several summers. A number of our faculty members have attended these meetings. We have been studying our program for some years. A core curriculum was formulated and put into operation last year to begin with the fall quarter of 1945. Students who came as freshmen last fall were to follow this curriculum and hereafter all degree candidates are to meet the following course requirements:

Division I—Bible and Christian Education. (1) Lower level courses: Life of Christ, and Our Christian Heritage. (2) Upper level courses: History and Literature of the Bible, and Basic Christian Convictions.

Division II—The Natural Sciences. (1) Lower level courses: To take or to pass entrance examinations in three out of the following five courses: Introductory Chemistry, Introductory Mathematics, Introductory Physics, Introductory Biology, and Our Universe. (2) Upper level course: Philosophy and Science Survey.

Division III—The Humanities. (1) Lower level courses: Foreign language, Constructive English, Public Speaking, and Literary Masterpieces. (2) Upper level courses: Philosophy and Science Survey, and History of the Fine Arts.

Division IV—The Social Studies. (1) Lower level courses: History of Civilization, and Man and the Social World.

Division V—Applied Arts and Sciences. (1) Lower level courses: Health and Physical Education.

For more detailed information about this curriculum, refer to pages 36 and 37 in the latest catalogue. There is comparatively little difficulty in eliciting the enthusiasm of the students for this program. Many students

are really interested in a good general cultural background which these courses are designated to give them.

Religious Life. The religious life on the campus has been wholesome. The Bethel College Church renders outstanding service in this area. Besides daily devotional service at the breakfast table and daily chapel service for the entire school family, weekly student and faculty prayer meetings have been held regularly. Outstanding religious activities of the year were, as usual, the Christian Life Week conducted by Rev. Russell Mast of Wadsworth, Ohio, and the Bible Week in March with Dr. William Beahm and Rev. J. N. Smucker as speakers.

Last year there were fifteen ministerial students. In cooperation with the Home Mission Committee of the Western District Conference we served regularly the following churches: Deer Creek, Geary, and Turpin, Oklahoma, every Sunday; Columbus, Grace Hill, and Montezuma, Kansas, every other Sunday. Pawnee Rock, Inola, West Zion, Hanston, Kismet, Friedenstal, and Ransom were served occasionally. Bethany Church, Kingman Church, and the Hutchinson Church were served regularly until the new pastors took over. In addition to this, student ministers filled many pulpit appointments in the neighboring churches. They also preached in hospitals and old people's homes. The student ministers were very willing to go out on assignment even though the demands on their time were almost too heavy because it so frequently meant spending nights on the train and coming back tired on Monday morning.

Postwar Material Needs. To equip our college for an enrollment of 500 students, the following program formerly approved and published should be met as soon as possible. (The figures in parentheses indicate money on hand on July 31, 1946, according to the auditor's report.)

1. \$25,000 in gifts annually to balance current budgets
2. Farm Shop—\$25,000 (\$1,239.50)
3. Student Industrial Building—\$50,000 (\$2,336.00)

4. Men's Dormitory—\$100,000 (\$256.50)
5. Women's Dormitory—\$50,000 (\$2,644.36)
- 6 Library—\$75,000 (\$14,132.21)
7. Health Center—\$50,000
8. Music Hall—\$25,000
9. Endowment Funds:
 - a. Students' Grants-in-Aid — \$50,000 (\$18,641.16)
 - b. Bible Week and Adult Education—\$50,000 (\$352.52)
- c. A Cappella Choir Tours—\$50,000 (\$2,965.21)

- d. C. H. Wedel Mennonite Research Foundation—\$50,000 (\$520.00)
- e. G. A. Haury English Chair—\$50,000 (\$4,894.79)
- f. J. W. Kliewer Bible Chair—\$50,000 (\$6,222.03)
- g. J. R. Thierstein Foreign Language Chair—\$50,000 (\$4,000.00)

The most urgent of the items listed is the Farm Shop, and it is the hope that finances will allow the erection of that building during this school year.

Conclusion. We close this report by very briefly referring to various other items, such as: the library use by students and faculty, indicating how urgently the new building is needed; program of recreation and intercollegiate athletics; visual education; needs of the growing music department; enlarged emphasis on teacher training; development of the college farm; summer session; Memorial Hall Series; the quarterly magazine, *Mennonite Life*, aiming to clarify Mennonite life as it was, now is, and should be in the future; the increasing number of families planning to erect private homes on the campus as soon as material and labor are available; the growing need for a grade school on the campus; the forward looking program undertaken by

the College Women's Association to provide needed dormitory facilities for the girls; the enlarged enrollment, making enlarged facilities more imperative than ever; etc. We are keenly mindful of the fact that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain." (Ps. 127:1) We humbly ask the friends of Bethel College everywhere to join us in praying with the Psalmist of old, O Lord, "establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." (Ps. 90:17)

—E. G. Kaufman

BETHEL COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBERS, 1946-47

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REPORT OF BLUFFTON COLLEGE, 1946-47

Alumni.—Thirty-two graduating classes have completed their four year course at Bluffton College, the first one in the spring of 1915. Just over a thousand baccalaureate degrees have been conferred. The first class was the smallest, with fifteen members; that of 1925 was the largest, having fifty-two members.

More students have graduated with a major in music than in any other department or closely related departments; these number 130. Other departments with approximately ten per cent of alumni receiving the following majors are: Biology, History and Government, English, Social Sciences, and Home Economics. Remaining departments, in decreasing order of number in these majors are: Physical Sciences, Foreign Languages (total of Latin, French, and German), Mathematics, Philosophy, Bible, Teacher Education, Art, Psychology.

Board of Trustees.—Eighteen members make up this governing body. The Central District is now represented by Rufus Rich from Washington, Lowell Risser from Danvers, and Walter Yoder from Bloomington (all from Illinois). The Eastern District has William Mohr from Bethlehem, Jacob R. Fretz from Lansdale, and Freeman Swartz from Norristown (all from eastern Pennsylvania). The alumni have chosen Oliver Diller from Wooster, Ezra Moser and Munson R. Bixel from Bluffton, Ohio, as their representatives. The Middle District District is represented by E. W. Baumgartner from Berne, Indiana, A. S. Rosenberger of Dalton, and D. D. Hostetler from Sugarcreek, Ohio. J. S. Slaubaugh, Nappanee, Jerry Sauder, Grabill, Wilmer Shelly of Topeka, Indiana, and C. Ramseyer from Smithville, Ohio, are members-at-large, chosen by the Board, while L. L. Ramseyer and Carl M. Lehman serve as ex-officio members. This Board meets twice a year; members are elected for a six year term.

Buildings.—Bluffton College has seven substantially built buildings and six frame structures. College Hall was erected in 1900 and for years served as they only building of the college. Science Hall, Ropp Hall, Heating Plant, and Lincoln Hall were constructed in

the second and third decade of the century with the Musselman Library and the Unsicker Project Building being the most recent. The library building has been proclaimed by many as among the finest small college libraries. Now in early 1947 the campaign is on for an Auditorium and Physical Education Building. Students, faculty, and friends everywhere are making a noble start in contributing funds so that there is every hope that these will be on hand when materials and labor become available.

J. S. Schultz

BLUFFTON COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBERS, 1946-47

Lloyd L. Ramseyer, President
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 Katherine T. Moyer, French (on leave)
 Ray S. Hiltz, Registrar and Commerce
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 Paul R. Shelly, Bible
 Lenore M. Myers, Librarian and English
 W. Brooke Morgan, Mathematics and Physics
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Part-Time

Sidney Haunstein, Music
 Pearl B. Mann, Music
 Paul W. Stauffer, Speech
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 Lois N. Rodabaugh, Nurse
 Metta Dean, Matron

FREEMAN JUNIOR COLLEGE, 1945-46

For countless blessings and many opportunities for service during this 43rd year of Freeman Junior College we are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father.

Students. The enrollment for this year show-

ed an increase of 3.5 per cent over the past year. The Academy enrollment (106) was one of the highest in many years. On the other hand the College enrollment (14) dipped to almost an all time low. Only in 1927, the first year of the Junior College were there fewer College students (11). The peak of the College enrollment was reached in 1940 when the figure reached 70. One may however expect the report of the 1946-47 year to show a continued increase in the Academy and a decided upward swing in the College department. Of the 1946 graduates 42 percent are continuing their education, 33 percent are at home or otherwise employed, 22 per cent are teaching rural schools, and 3 per cent are in the armed forces. Ninety-six per cent of the students were Mennonites this year and only four per cent were from other denominations.

Faculty. The faculty members of Freeman Junior College share a deep rooted conviction that Christian Education has become indispensable to the life of the Christian Church. They feel that to be most effective, Christian education should not be postponed until our children are young adults. On the contrary, there is a growing feeling that the church and the school would do well not to neglect even the pre-high school area. Realizing that Christian education is a slow process, a planting and nurturing period which does not bring sudden over-night harvests, they have a strong faith that this planting period is essential if there is to be an ultimate period of fruition. Such a faith makes it possible to carry on in spite of difficulties, financial or otherwise, and to be happy while doing it.

Serving on the present faculty are: Dr. John D. Unruh, President; Dr. Harold Gross, Dean of the College, Psychology; Benjamin P. Waltner, Registrar, Agriculture; Edwin P. Graber, Principal of the Academy, Sociology and Economics; Kathrine Kaufman, Speech and English; Martin Kroeker, Bible; S. T. Moyer, Church History and Bible; Ernest H. Lichti, Music; Louis Linscheid, Manual Arts; Daniel Neufeld, Physical Education; Elva Ratzlaff, Home Economics; Benno Toews, Normal Training; Gerhard Toews, Chemistry and Mechanical Arts; Marie Waldner, Social Science and Library; Mrs.

Oscar Gering, Piano; Bertha Ewert, Commercial.

Curriculum. Courses were again offered in line with community needs. In recognition of the fact that many students do not complete the regular four years College course, the faculty voted to offer the Associate in Arts degree to those who complete the required courses. At present the degree is given in the following four fields: Bible, Teacher Training, Commerce, and Liberal Arts. In the College a two year Junior College Course; a one year Teacher Training Course; a two year Teacher Training Course; a Bible Course; and one and two year courses in Vocational Subjects are offered. In the Academy the regular state required High School course is given richly supplemented by Bible and Church History courses and by Shop Mechanics and other vocational electives.

School Activities and Services. A physical education program was carried out for both boys and girls. Considerable speech work and debate was carried on. Music activities played a prominent role. The Academy Chorus made a spring tour of churches in Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota. Increased use was made of visual aid equipment. Extensive extension work was carried out in the churches of the community by religious organizations, the music department, and members of the faculty. Religious organizations on the campus played a vital part in sponsoring a deeper religious sense among the students. Many church leaders and visiting ministers enriched the school year through chapel speeches and special meetings. A contribution to the cultural life of the community was made by the community program service which presented such groups as the Fiske Singers and others. The Book Store again served Church and Sunday School workers as a convenient center for religious books and supplies. A new room was added to the Museum to house the collection loaned by Dr. J. J. Krall, whose life long hobby has been collecting museum pieces, especially those connected with the early history of South Dakota. The Gym-Auditorium again served all community needs that required a large meeting place. The past year the

chapel also served as a temporary church home for a local church whose building was destroyed by fire.

Needs. The past year the budget was again balanced. After years of debts and unbalanced budgets there is deep gratitude for the blessing of being able to meet one's obligations. A balanced budget does not however mean that there are no needs left. Among very urgent needs are the following: badly needed repairs for all buildings; better equipment for some of the class rooms; more new and up-to-date books for the library; equipment and livestock for the recently purchased farm; and a more generous budget for faculty salaries. Another need is one for which plans are already well on the way. It is the need for a new auditorium which will more adequately meet the needs of a large community meeting place and will also house recreational activities and a dining hall. This will then make the present building available for a much needed expanded Shop and Mechanical Arts program.

We solicit your continued prayers that the work we are doing here may be in God's will and may receive His abundant blessings.

Marie Waldner

MENNONITE GENTRAL COMMITTEE

This report will present briefly the activities of the Mennonite Central Committee during the year 1946. This is not a detailed report but the facts given will serve as a summary and skeleton picture of relief and service activities as administered in fifteen foreign countries.

1946 was a year of great opportunity for expanding our means of ministering to the needy in areas where we have never served before. This has not been an easy task, but we rejoice that there has been a steady flow of volunteer workers ready and willing to give their service "In the name of Christ." The church has liberally supported the work of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and helped in whatever way possible to bring hope to a war-sick and sinful world. Again, as in former years, the various branches of the

Mennonite family have responded as one man to the call for service not only as an administrative agency, but also has been a channel through which the heritage of our fathers is perpetuated and carried to many areas of the globe. What little the North American Mennonites can do with their gifts of food, clothing, prayers, and cash can be made effective for God if given in the spirit of cheerfulness and willful obedience to Christ.

Supplies of relief and/or personnel were sent to the following countries: Puerto Rico, Paraguay, England, Holland, Belgium, France, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Austria, Poland, China, India, Philippine Islands, and Ethiopia. The nature and type of service included: food and clothing distribution, refugee welfare work, agricultural assistance, child welfare service, hospital and medical service, loan projects, transportation, building and reconstruction, and Scripture distribution.

New Fields

Robert S. Kreider, entered Germany in February as M. C. C. member of the CRALOG organization (Council of Relief Agencies Licensed for Operation in Germany). Walter Gering and Elma Esau entered Denmark in April to assist Mennonite refugees—clothing distribution and pastoral work. Needs are great in Austria for food and clothing as reported by Bertran D. Smucker, M. C. C. worker who arrived there in September, 1946. Dale Nebel arrived in the Philippine Islands on June 6 to begin the setting up of a 50 bed hospital and medical clinic in Vigan. Wilson Hunsberger arrived in Poland during the month of December to arrange for material aid relief distribution. Investigations and interest was expressed in doing relief work in Hungary and Java.

Special commissioner trips during the year included the following: J. N. Byler to Puerto Rico in March; Orie O. Miller to Paraguay and Puerto Rico during the summer months, and a visit to Europe during November and December; P. C. Hiebert served for six months in Europe as counselor and advisor returning on October 12; C. L. Graber to the Philippine Islands and China; Lewis Martin and Harold Bender to Europe; A. E. Kreider to Europe and the Far East, and C. F. Klassen to Europe.

EUROPE

England

The Center at 68 Shepherds Hill served as the headquarters office for the Northwest European program until September when the personnel and office was shifted to Amsterdam and later to Basel. This together with the closing of the home for convalescent boys at Taxal Edge brings our relief service in England to a conclusion except for one member who is serving in war prisoners aid. Atlee Beechy succeeded Howard C. Yoder as area director of our European relief program in December.

Holland

The headquarters at Koningslaan 58 Amsterdam serves as the home base and center for our personnel. Large quantities of food and clothing were distributed to needy people irrespective of nationality, religious affiliation, or social status. The Dutch Mennonites have helped in this relief effort. The need for emergency relief in Holland is about past. Irvin B. Horst, Director of our work in Holland says, "Although the Dutch people have humbly received our proffered aid in the past, there is now a certain incongruous connotation about the word 'relief.' There are special areas where emergency relief is still needed—but the time has arrived to think in terms of terminating our relief program. The very practical question then comes: 'Should the end of our relief program mean the end of our work in Holland?'"

The Reconstruction and Transport Unit in Holland began work on Walcheren Island in May. The Unit which consists of eleven members is constructing and rebuilding damaged homes.

France

A center is maintained at Chalon-sur-Saone as office and headquarters for food and clothing distribution. The Mennonites in the Lorraine district of France expressed their profound gratefulness for gifts from the American and Canadian Mennonites—food, clothing and tools—of which many were in acute need. About six of our personnel are working in children's colonies.

Preliminary investigations for a Recon-

struction and Builders' Unit were made by Henry Detweiler and Orlo Goering. A unit of twelve started operations on this project with headquarters at Wissembourg. The work of building and repair of war damaged homes began in late 1946.

Belgium

The Mennonite Relief Committee continued the program of relief in Belgium with approximately six workers. Commissioner visits made by Harold S. Bender and Lewis Martin to Europe recommended changes in the program affecting some transfer of personnel to other needy areas. However, a continued program of relief is planned for Belgium. The Mennonite Central Committee authorized \$1,400.00 to be sent to needy Mennonite families in Luxenburg in response to Harold S. Bender's visit and report of their needs.

Denmark

Two workers entered Denmark in April to minister to needy displaced Mennonites in refugee camps. Bro. Walter Gering served as pastor and counsellor in addition to the work of clothing distribution and welfare work. Three workers are continuing to serve there.

Germany

The task of entering Germany with our relief goods and personnel was a complicated and difficult job. Robert S. Kreider entered Germany on March 28 as one member on a team of eight to represent CRALOG, a liaison council between the military and the German people for the purpose of channeling relief shipments. By mid-summer large shipments of food arrived and was distributed through indigenous agencies of which Evangelisches Hilfswerk and Christenflucht received and distributed a large portion.

Two additional MCC-CRALOG representatives entered in October: Walter Eicher to the French Zone and Cornelius Dyck to the British Zone. A plan for child feeding in the British zone whereby we could distribute and supervise our gifts by our personnel was approved in October. Additional personnel was approved and sent into both the British and French zones in late 1946.

Reports from our workers in Germany indicate an appalling need for food and clothing. One report from Bro. Kreider reads, "Supplies are absolutely insufficient for all the persons requesting help . . . It is depressing to refuse help again and again because we just do not possess the means . . . With these nineteen sacks of flour we have to help 34,227 persons. This is impossible."

Italy

Several workers are continuing to serve under UNRRA with assignments to refugee camps mainly in South Italy. Additional personnel arrived there in April including Boyd Nelson the director of the Mennonite Unit.

The Waldensian people in northern Italy were receptive to our service and are in need of food to supplement their hospitals and old people's homes. Substantial amounts of clothing and food were shipped during the year. A plan for staffing a Waldensian hospital nurses training school with American Mennonite instructors is being planned.

Austria

Bertran D. Smucker arrived in Vienna on September 13 to investigate needs and set up a relief program. Food shipments were sent and two additional workers were appointed.

Poland

Investigations were made by Lewis Martin and Howard C. Yoder in October. Negotiations for a plan of agricultural assistance as well as material aid assistance is under way. Wilson Hunsberger arrived there in December.

FAR EAST

India

The relief effort in India continues to function as a supplementary work to the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ mission stations. Martin Schrag succeeded J. Harold Sherk as M. C. C. Director in October. The Unit at present consists of eleven members. Marion Nofziger became ill en route to India and died on July 8 in a hospital in Singapore.

China

S. F. Pannabecker and P. P. Balzer who

organized the work in Honan returned to the states in July. Personnel has enjoyed a steady increase. Agricultural rehabilitation, loans projects, and medical work are the principal types of service. The civil strife has caused some disturbance in carrying out the planned relief program, but the service in Honan continues with the center and address at c/o Canadian Church Mission, South Suburb, Kaifeng, Honan. Dale Nebel was asked to transfer from the Philippine Unit to be director of the China relief program in November.

J. Lawrence Burkholder is continuing to serve in Shanghai with the American Advisory Committee, 316 Tibet Road, in the interest of the M. C. C. and assisting relief workers as they arrive and depart.

Philippine Islands

The preliminary investigations of setting up a Unit were made by C. L. Graber in early spring. The location and address of the Unit is c/o Vigan Christian Hospital, Box 52, Vigan, Illocos Sur, P. I. A fifty-bed hospital complete with equipment was purchased in Manila and moved to Vigan by Dale Nebel and James Brenneman M. D., medical director of the hospital. The hospital was opened for patients on October 1 and by late 1946 the Unit personnel consisted of about twelve members.

ETHIOPIA

The Unit and work in Ethiopia (Mennonite Relief Committee) has grown considerably during the past year. A thirty-bed hospital was opened in Nazareth and also serves as a clinic for that community. An average of about seventy patients call for treatment daily. The medical work is under the direction of Bro. Paul Conrad M. D. and the Unit director is G. Irvin Lehman. Eleven workers are now serving in Ethiopia.

PUERTO RICO

The cries of poverty, disease, and suffering have not ceased in Puerto Rico. The work and service plan there seeks to make life more livable for the inhabitants and to serve in as many areas and ways as is expedient. Medical care is the larger undertaking. An addition was built to the hospital

including a new operating room. As many as fourteen hundred people are treated monthly in the hospital and clinics. Eighteen young women have graduated from the nurse-aid training courses offered by the hospital. The sanitation program has made sanitary privies available at little cost to the home owner. A follow up effort designed to eradicate hookworm has been started. The school and recreation plan for children aims to provide an environment for the growth of healthier minds and bodies. The community chapel was dedicated in March. Sewing classes were conducted during the year and the industry has made it possible for some of the Puerto Rican women to earn a better livelihood.

The Puerto Rican people find it impossible to purchase enough food to eat adequately on their income. The causes of poverty lie deep in the economic system. A milk station was set up to furnish free milk to needy children, parental and nursing mothers. An effort to make more food available is being carried out by teaching youngsters to raise pigs, chickens, rabbits, and vegetables.

Melvin Lauver succeeded Harry E. Martens as director of the Unit in September. H. Clair Amstutz M. D. is medical director of the hospital.

PARAGUAY

One of the greatest needs among the Paraguayan Mennonites is for doctors and trained medical personnel. Alvin Gaede M. D. and wife Anna arrived on September 20 to succeed John R. Schmidt M. D. as doctor of the Fernheim hospital. A sanitation and hookworm control project is being carried out; a survey made in Itacurubi shows 78 percent hookworm infestation among the population. Agricultural assistance in the form of crop trial work and fencing is under the direction of Menno Klassen. The supplementary child feeding program was continued at Chararita and Itacurubi with daily rations of milk and cocoa. Preliminary investigation and studies were made in connection with the proposed leper colony hospital. Gerhard Warkentin succeeded Elvin R. Souder as director of the M. C. C. program in Paraguay arriving there on June 26. The Mennonite center is located

at 25 de Noviembre 371, Casilla de Correo No. 166, Asuncion, Paraguay.

The Paraguayan government has given permission for the entrance of displaced Mennonites from Europe. The group, if able to come, will probably settle in the already established colonies in Paraguay.

II. MENNONITE AID SECTION

The Aid Section gives information, counsel, and assistance to discharged CPS men who seek rehabilitation assistance. In addition, it has also served as a clearing office and processing agent for foreign students who come to America for the purpose of studying in Mennonite schools. Thirty students from Holland, Italy, Belgium, France, and Brazil came to study in eight Mennonite and Brethren in Christ schools.

A major work and growing responsibility is the service to the displaced persons in war areas and aid in locating relatives of displaced persons in Europe who reside in this country. An estimated 10,000 European displaced Mennonites look to the North American brotherhood for assistance in making a livelihood and finding new homes. Bro. Peter Dyck and wife Freda entered Berlin in June as special refugee commissioner. They were able to establish quarters and facilities for several hundred displaced Mennonites in Berlin. Bro. Siegfried Janzen and Margaret are continuing to serve at Roverstein where 400 refugees are awaiting migration. Marie Brunk is serving as M. C. C. displaced persons representative in Europe with office at Amsterdam. Walter Gering and Elma Esau served with the refugee camps in Denmark. Reports from our workers indicate that many Mennonites are scattered throughout all four zones of Germany, some in UNRRA camps and some being cared for by Christenflicht, a native Mennonite relief society.

The Mennonite Central Committee in a special session on October 31 unanimously approved an initial movement of 2,000 European Mennonite refugees to Paraguay as soon as possible costing about \$400,000. Bro. C. F. Klassen was asked to represent the Committee in Europe and to organize the prospective

initial group migration to Paraguay. The special meeting also approved the recommendation that a separate organization, Mennonite Resettlement Finance, Inc., be set up as a subsidiary to MCC for the purpose of aiding and assisting in the migration, location, resettlement, and rehabilitation of Mennonite and other individuals or groups.

III. M. C. C. PEACE SECTION

The Peace Section of the Mennonite Central Committee consists of one member each of the several constituent Mennonite groups and operates with an executive committee of five members. The function of the Peace Section is to keep interested groups informed of developments on such matters as affect local and national relationships, to express our conviction and witness to government, and to further study the nonresistant way of life. Ernest W. Lehman has for the past year served in the Peace Section office. A Peace Section News Letter is produced monthly containing news and activities of peace groups, new literature announcements, and legislative developments related to peace interests. The Peace Section continues to be active as a counseling agent, a witness to government, an office for study and research, and a central agent for peace education.

IV. WAR SUFFERERS RELIEF, MATERIALS IN KIND

The Material Aid Program has been one means of supplying one of the basic needs of those who are suffering. Large amounts of flour and relief cereal were shipped during the year. Material Aid collection centers in United States are located at Silver Springs, Pennsylvania; Ephrata, Pennsylvania; Goshen, Indiana; Kalona, Iowa; Newton, Kansas; and Reedley, California. Centers in Canada are Kitchener, Ontario, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two Semi-trucks have been busy during the past year collecting and delivering goods to points of shipment. By an arrangement with Selective Service quite a number of assignees worked in the program assisting with the processing and shipment of supplies.

During the fiscal year 6,450 tons of food and 363 tons of clothing were shipped from

the United States and Canada. A Christmas bundle project was started in the fall. A total of 8,505 bundles were shipped from the United States and 6,385 from Canada.

INCOME

Clothing and Soap Contributions Processed:

Ephrata Center	\$456,422.78
Newton Center	156,995.88
Kitchener Center	97,694.85
Winnipeg Center	97,414.25
Reedley Center	13,368.15 \$ 821,895.91

Contributions of Processed Foods Prepared for Shipment:

Canada	\$187,956.65
United States	876,433.60
\$1,064,390.25	

Other Contributions Processed, (Tools, seeds, literature, and material aid processed for Auxiliary Organizations)	97,986.56
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Total Materials in Kind

Processed During Year	\$1,984,272.72
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EXPENDITURES

(Including materials allocated for shipment)

FOOD, CLOTHING, AND SOAP DISPENSED:

Germany—

United States	\$669,843.80
Canada	139,761.37

Holland—

United States	224,759.02
Canada	205,842.53

Denmark

	64,032.48
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China

	59,007.23
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France

	287,591.89
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Belgium

	60,399.43
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Italy

	57,081.11
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Philippines

	50,315.28
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Ethiopia

	1,856.98
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Outfitting Relief

Workers	2,894.68
Puerto Rico	1,524.00
England	248.40
Austria	25,140.26

	\$1,850,298.46
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THE H. P. KREHBIEL MEMORIAL BUILDING

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—by—

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—1943—

Such is the inscription on the bronze plaque under the picture shown at the left.

"The Krehbiel Building," located at 722 Main Street, Newton, Kansas, is our Conference Home, or the Conference Headquarters.

Turn to page 47 for a view of the interior of this central office. You are most welcome to meet your friends at 722 Main.

We would like to be of service to you.

OTHER EXPENDITURES AND SHIPMENTS:

(Tools, seeds, literature, and material aid dispensed for auxiliary organizations)	\$ 97,986.56
Total Materials in Kind Dispensed	\$1,948,285.02
EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OVER AMOUNTS DISPENSED	35,987.70

V. FINANCIAL

Contributions from the Mennonite constituent groups to the various programs carried on through the Mennonite Central Committee has been much greater in total amounts than during any previous year. This response is both gratifying and interesting. The C. P. S. program declined rapidly during the year which permitted the various church groups to apply their resources in rather large amounts to War Sufferers' Relief. The figures which follow are taken from the Treasurer's Annual Report for the fiscal year of 1946. (December 1, 1945, to November 30, 1946).

Statement of Income and Expenditures

INCOME:

(Contributions rec'd.)

War Sufferers' Relief, Cash	\$ 849,739.13
W. S. R. Material Aid	1,984,272.72
Civilian Public Service	474,945.72
Dependency Aid	16,636.30
Peace	2,020.16
Mennonite Aid	790.46
Income and Expense Operations	41,411.31

Total Income	\$3,369,815.90
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EXPENDITURES:

War Sufferers' Relief, Cash	\$ 898,500.40
W. S. R. Material Aid	1,948,285.02
Civilian Public Service	446,722.64
Dependency Aid	10,195.44
Peace	2,373.94
Mennonite Aid	7,352.25
Income and Expense Operations	37,339.33

Total Expenditures	\$3,350,769.02
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John Andrew Hostetter

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Below are the names of the members of the Mennonite Central Committee with the conference bodies they represent. The first five members constitute the Executive Committee. The work of other sections of the M. C. C. appear elsewhere in the Yearbook.

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Menonite Church
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General Conference of the Mennonite Churches of North America
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MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PERSONNEL

January 1, 1947

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 Mrs. Wenger, Part Time Assistant
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 Katherine Penner, Secretary
 Nancy Martin, Housekeeper
 Total Number Relief Workers according to area,

SUMMARY

LATIN AMERICA	-----	67
Paraguay	-----	25
Puerto Rico	-----	42
MIDDLE EAST	-----	11
Ethiopia	-----	11
FAR EAST	-----	55
India	-----	12
China	-----	32
Philippines	-----	10
Commissioner	-----	1
EUROPE	-----	104
Holland	-----	10
Builders' Unit—Holland	-----	13
France	-----	17
Builders' Unit—France	-----	12
Belgium	-----	4
Germany	-----	22
Denmark	-----	3
Italy	-----	14
Switzerland	-----	6
Austria	-----	1
England	-----	1
Poland	-----	1
Total Number MCC Workers	-----	237

Relief workers according to religious affiliation.

121 Mennonite	
55 General Conference	
6 Central Conference	
21 Mennonite Brethren	
2 Mennonite Brethren in Christ	
3 Evangelical Menonite Brethren	
2 Conservative Amish Mennonite	
4 Old Order Amish	
2 Church of God in Christ Mennonite	
1 Kirchliche Gemeinde	
9 Brethren in Christ	
1 Dunkard Brethren	
3 Methodist	
2 Baptist	
2 Church of Christ	
1 Congregational Christian	
1 Undenominational	
1 Interdenominational	

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awaits you as you step into the Conference Headquarters.

Desk space is available to any of our boards and committees needing office space.

Here all contributions for Missions, Relief, and many other causes are received and receipted. Subscriptions for church papers and Sunday School materials are handled.

We ask your prayers for these important tasks. We appreciate your help!



Bethel Deaconess Hospital Sisters

Newton, Kansas

	Former Home
Ida Epp	Newton, Kansas
Hillegonda van der Smissen	Summerfield, Illinois
Marie Lohrentz (Bethel College)	Moundridge, Kansas
Anna Gertrude Penner (Bethel Home)	Hillsboro, Kansas
Marie Dora Richert	Burton, Kansas
Amalia Lehman	Berne, Indiana
Mary Rose Jantzen	Dalemny, Saskatchewan
Lena Androes	Inola, Oklahoma
Rachel Kleinsasser	Frankfort, South Dakota
Lena Mae Smith	Pawnee Rock, Kansas
Zipora Meshberger	El Reno, Oklahoma
Helena Entz	Whitewater, Kansas
Theodosia Harms	Whitewater, Kansas
Katie Dick	Mountain Lake, Minn.
Margaret Friesen	Mountain Lake, Minn.
Marie Schmidt	Hillsboro, Kansas
Anna E. Lange	Buhler, Kansas
Agnes Lohrentz	Moundridge, Kansas

	Former Home
Sara Dirks	Buhler, Kansas
Helen Ruth Epp	Whitewater, Kansas
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K. Delores Friesen	Jansen, Nebraska
Helene Marie Bartsch (Bethel Home)	Newton, Kansas
Marianna Enns	Volt, Montana
Newta Newfield	Bakersfield, California
Helena Lois Schmidt	Buhler, Kansas
Mary Elizabeth Becker	Meno, Oklahoma
Ella Risser	Hesston, Kansas
Hilda Mueller	Halstead, Kansas
Magdalene Wiebe (Bethel Home)	

Mennonite Deaconess Hospital Sisters

Beatrice, Nebraska

Alice Elizabeth Epp	Beatrice, Nebraska
Lizzie Graber	Freeman, South Dakota
Lena Heer	Paso Robles, Calif.
Emilie Penner	Beatrice, Nebraska
Marie Penner	Beatrice, Nebraska
Sarah Rempel	Henderson, Nebraska
Elizabeth Wiebe	Beatrice, Nebraska

Special Days For 1947

New Year's Day	Jan. 1
Week of Prayer	Jan. 6-11
Race Relations Day	Feb. 9
Ash Wednesday Beginning of Lent	Feb. 19
First Sunday in Lent	Feb. 23
Passion Sunday	Mar. 23
Palm Sunday	Mar. 30
Good Friday	Apr. 4
Easter Sunday	Apr. 6
Conference Sunday	Apr. 27
Deaconess Sunday (Western District)	May 4
Rural Life Sunday	May 11
Festival of the Christian Home	May 11
Ascension Day	May 15
Pentecost (Whitsunday)	May 25
Memorial Day	May 30
Children's Sunday	June 8
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Sunday	Aug. 31
Religious Education Week	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4
World Wide Communion Sunday	Oct. 5
World Temperance Day	Oct. 26
Armistice Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 27
First Sunday in Advent	Nov. 30
Bible Sunday	Dec. 14
Christmas Day	Dec. 25
New Year's Eve	Dec. 31

Our Conference Bookstores

The cost of producing our General Conference periodicals and Sunday School quarterlies has greatly increased during the past few years. This has been due to the constantly rising prices of labor and materials. This means that much more money is needed now to provide these publications than the case formerly. Naturally this is a matter of much concern to the Board of Publication of our Conference and no doubt, to a large majority of the constituent membership of the Conference.

Generally speaking, this money is derived from three sources: (1) the subscription price paid for the publications; (2) voluntary contributions from the churches and individual members of the Conference churches for the support of publication work; (3) profits derived from our Conference Bookstores. And it is here in connection with point three where every member of a General Conference church can make his or her contribution with the least sacrifice. **WHY?** Because every family and every individual as well as every church and Sunday school needs supplies customarily sold at bookstores, and by regularly purchasing these supplies from our Conference stores, either through mail orders or by trading at these stores, they help increase the profits derived from these stores and thus, through no particular sacrifice on their part, lend valuable support to the publication work of our Conference.

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